

Molecular replacement and model-building using distant homology models as templates

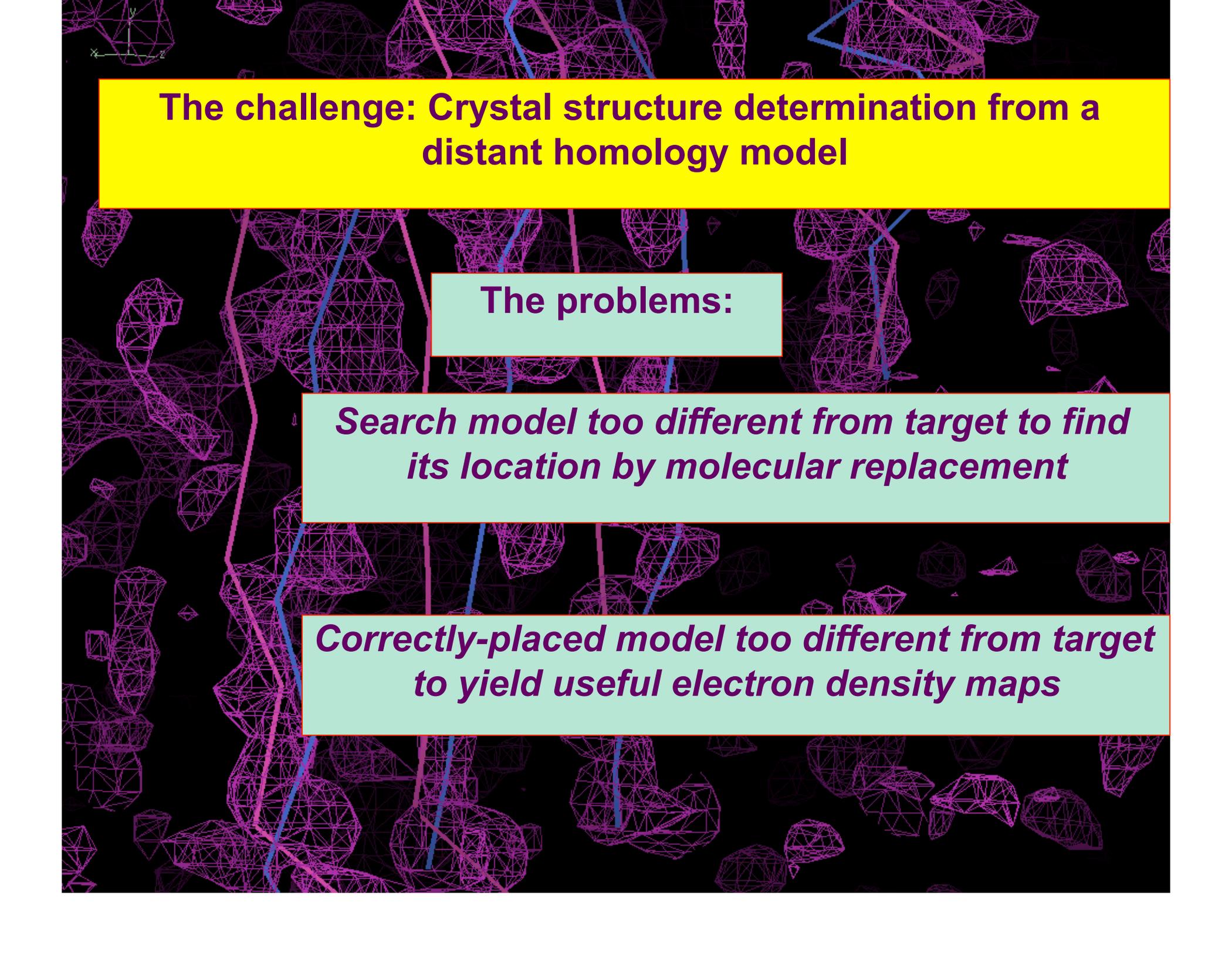
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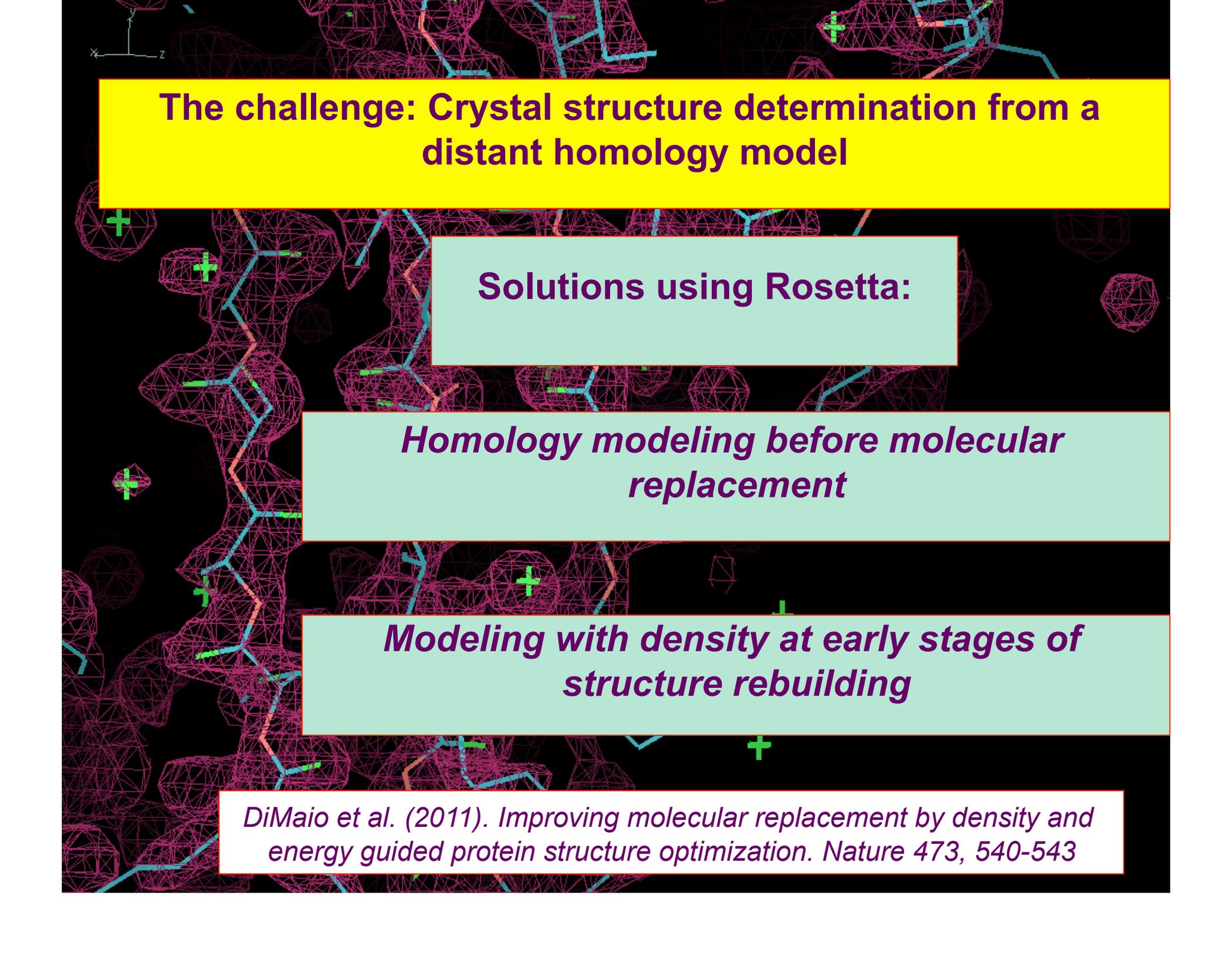


The challenge: Crystal structure determination from a distant homology model

The problems:

Search model too different from target to find its location by molecular replacement

Correctly-placed model too different from target to yield useful electron density maps



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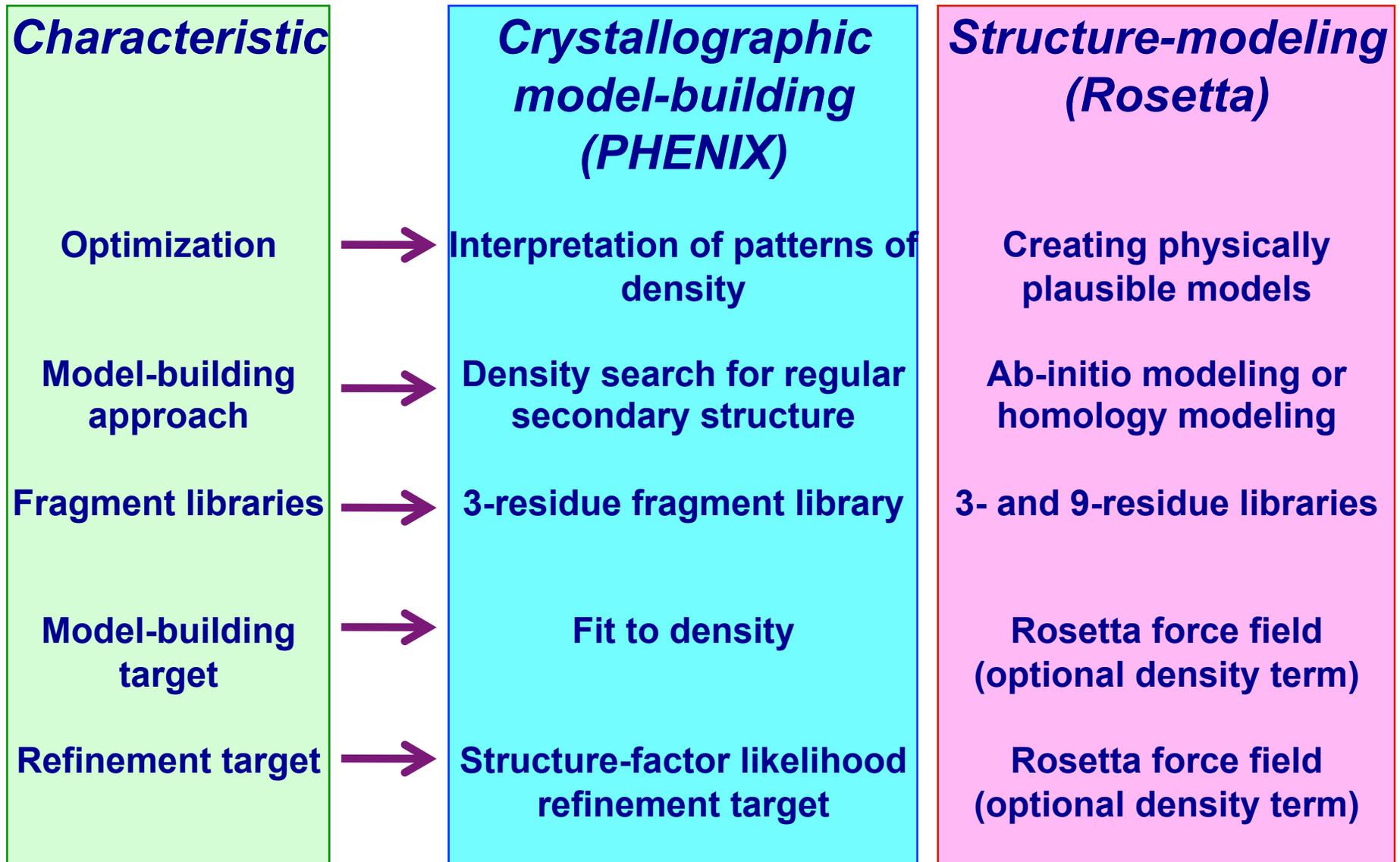
Solutions using Rosetta:

Homology modeling before molecular replacement

Modeling with density at early stages of structure rebuilding

DiMaio et al. (2011). Improving molecular replacement by density and energy guided protein structure optimization. Nature 473, 540-543

Complementarity of PHENIX and Rosetta model-building



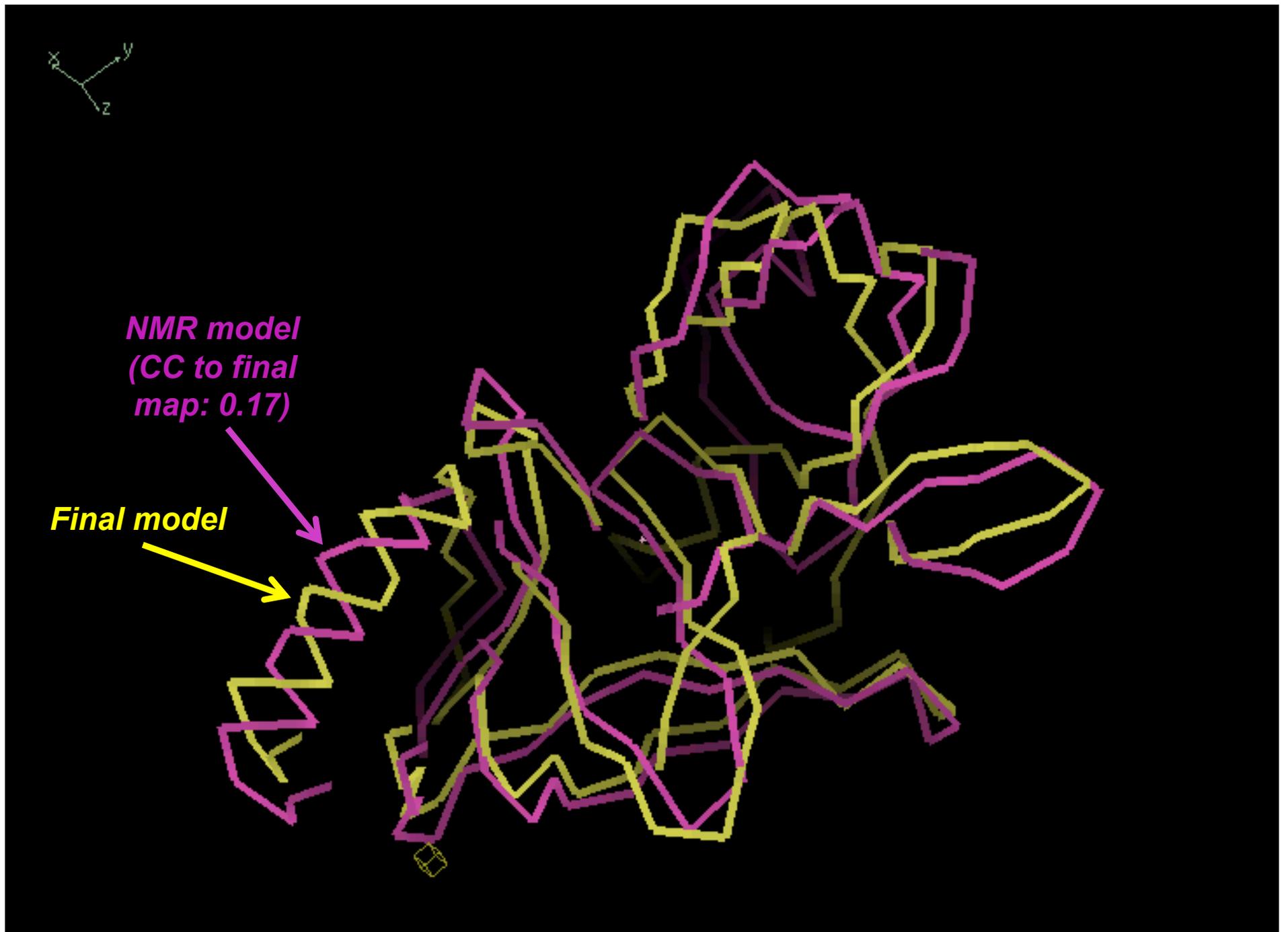
Generating improved homology
models for molecular replacement
with Rosetta

ag9603

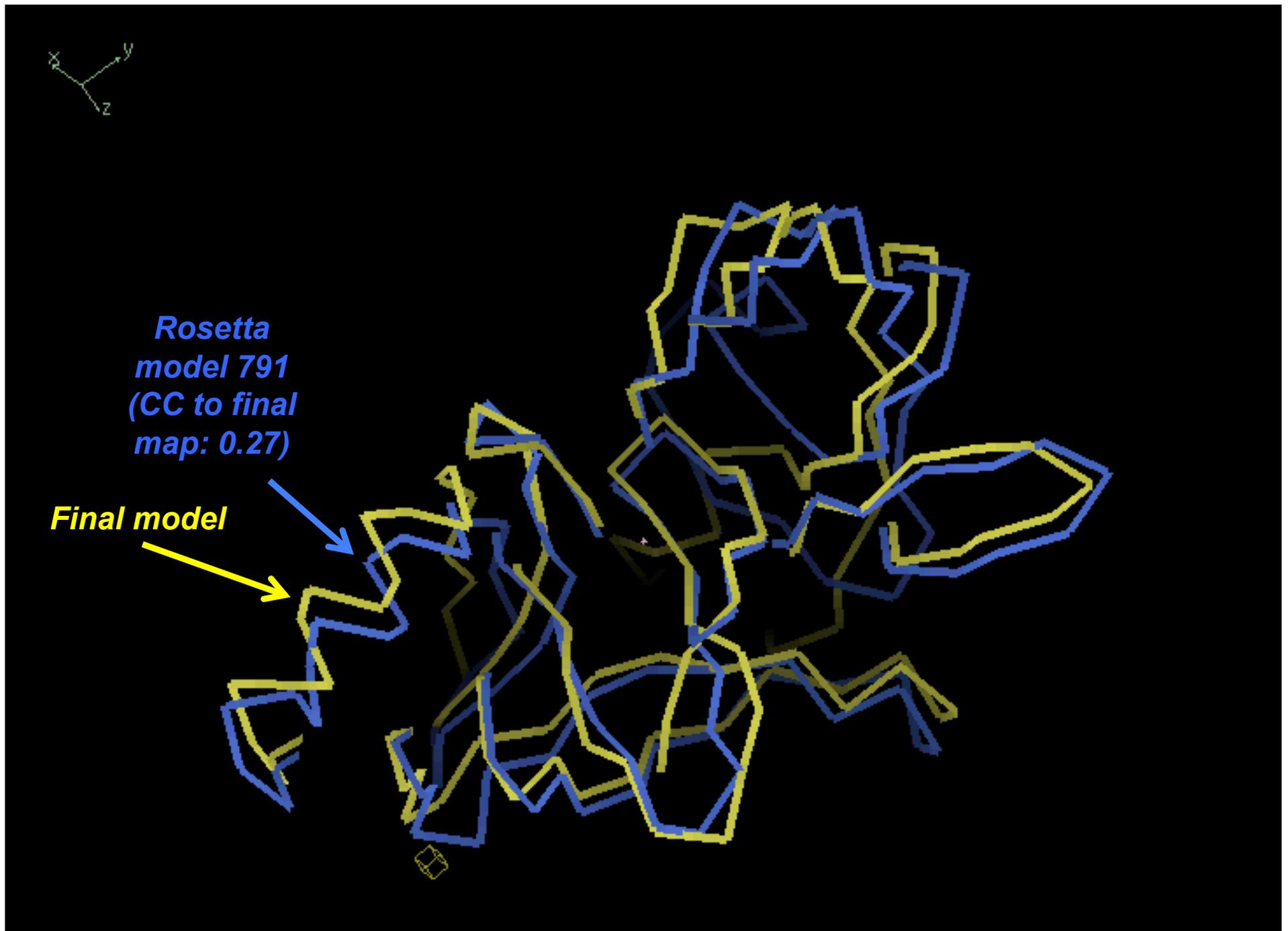
NMR model, 100% identity

1.7 Å data

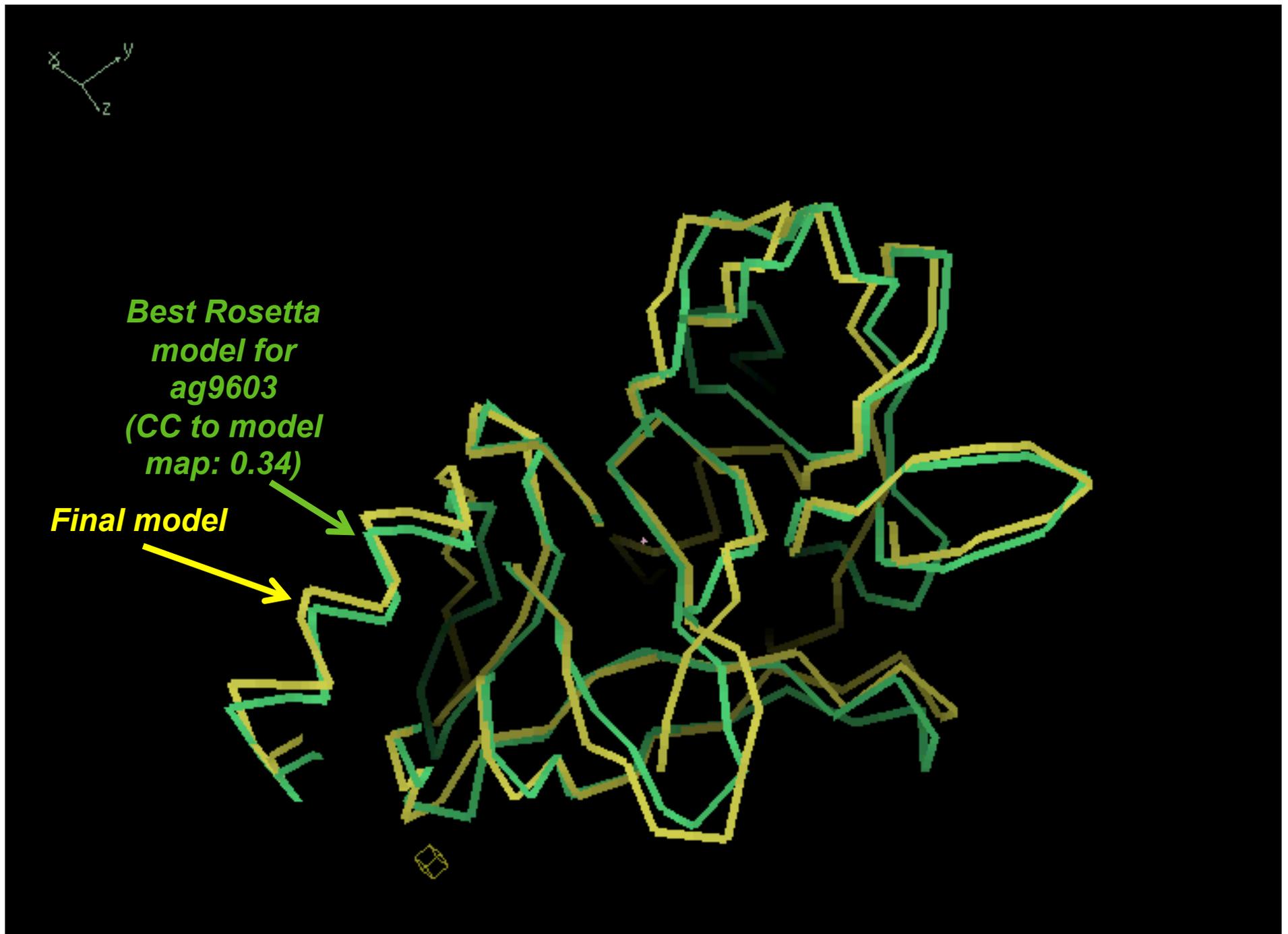
NMR model of of ag9603



Typical Rosetta model of of ag9603



Best Rosetta model of of ag9603

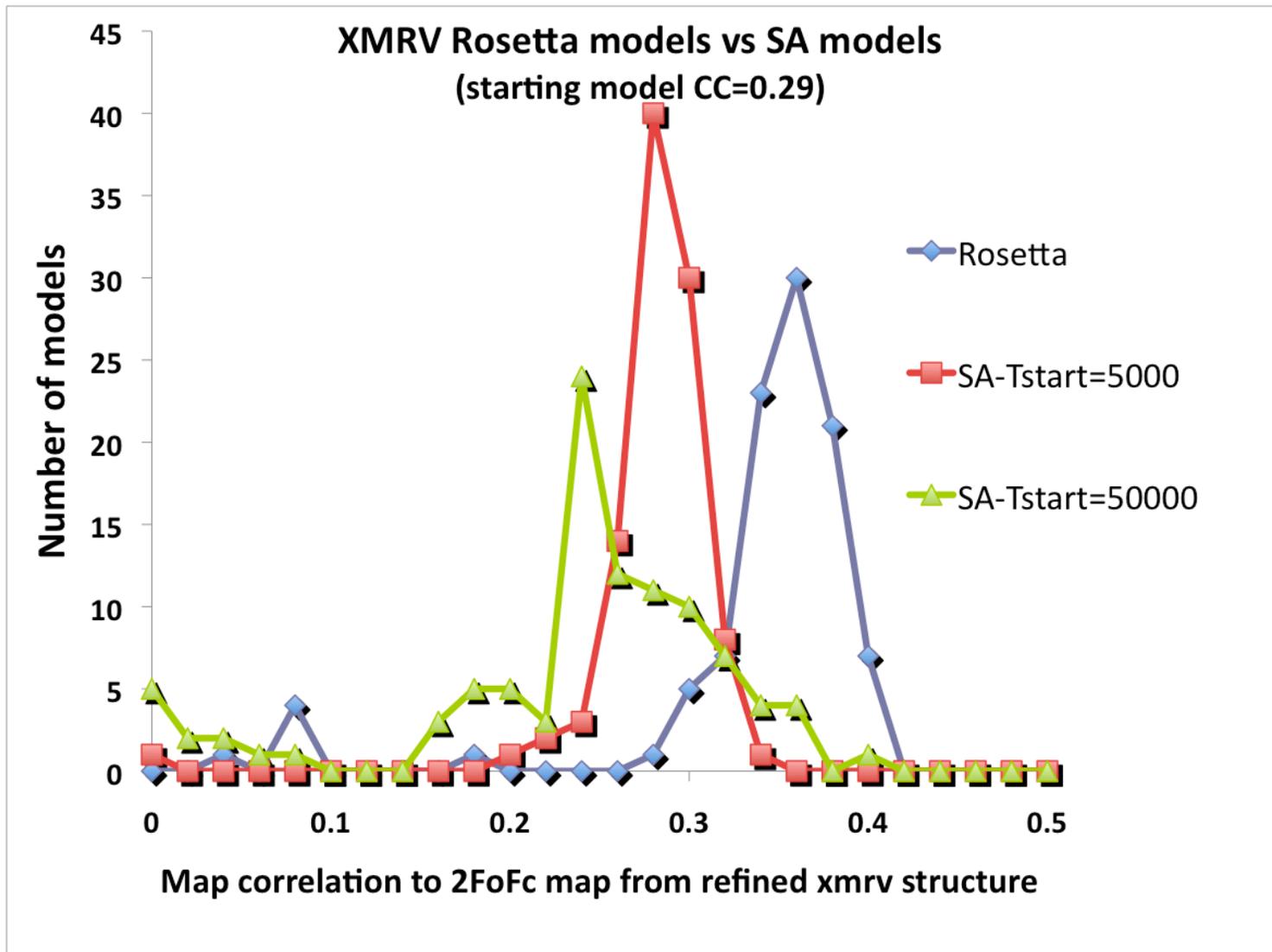


Improving models with Rosetta using density

Density fit as part of optimization target
Modeling segments not in template

Comparison with simulated annealing

Rosetta models vs SA models



Integrating Rosetta modeling in Phenix

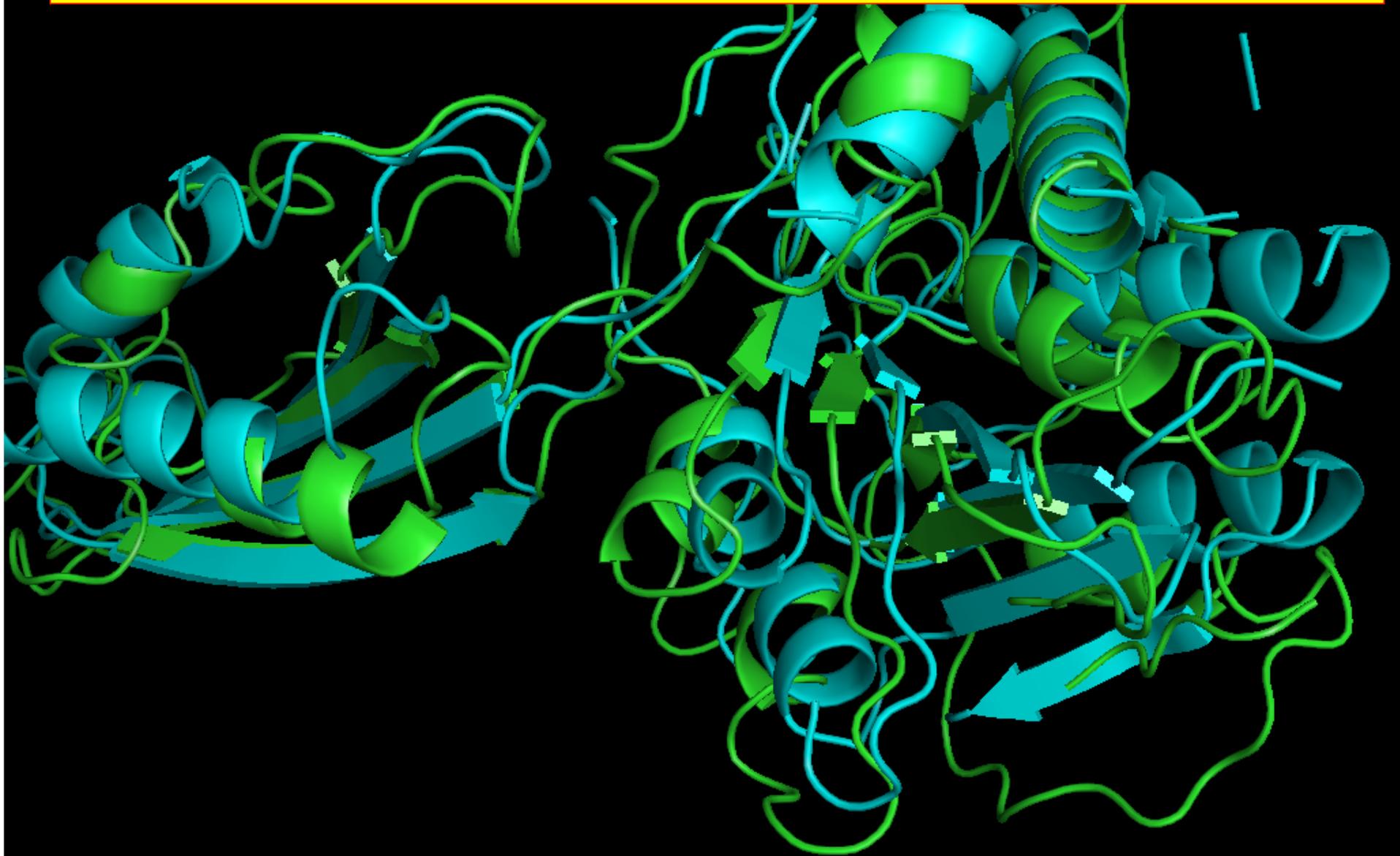
phenix.mr_rosetta

Molecular replacement

Rebuilding with Rosetta

Rebuilding with phenix.autobuild

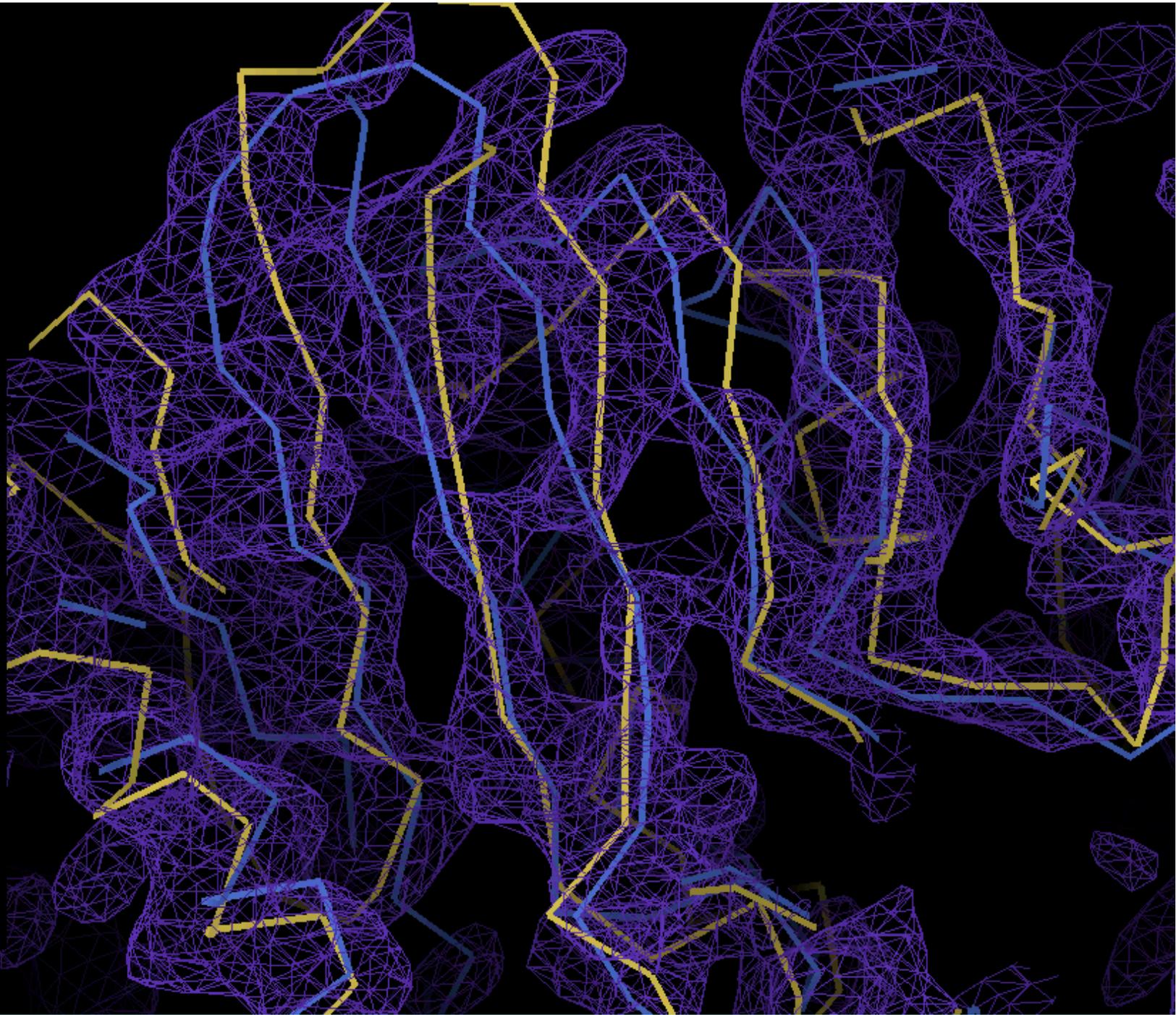
**mr_rosetta example:
HP3342, 22% identity template, 3.2 Å data, B=87 Å²**



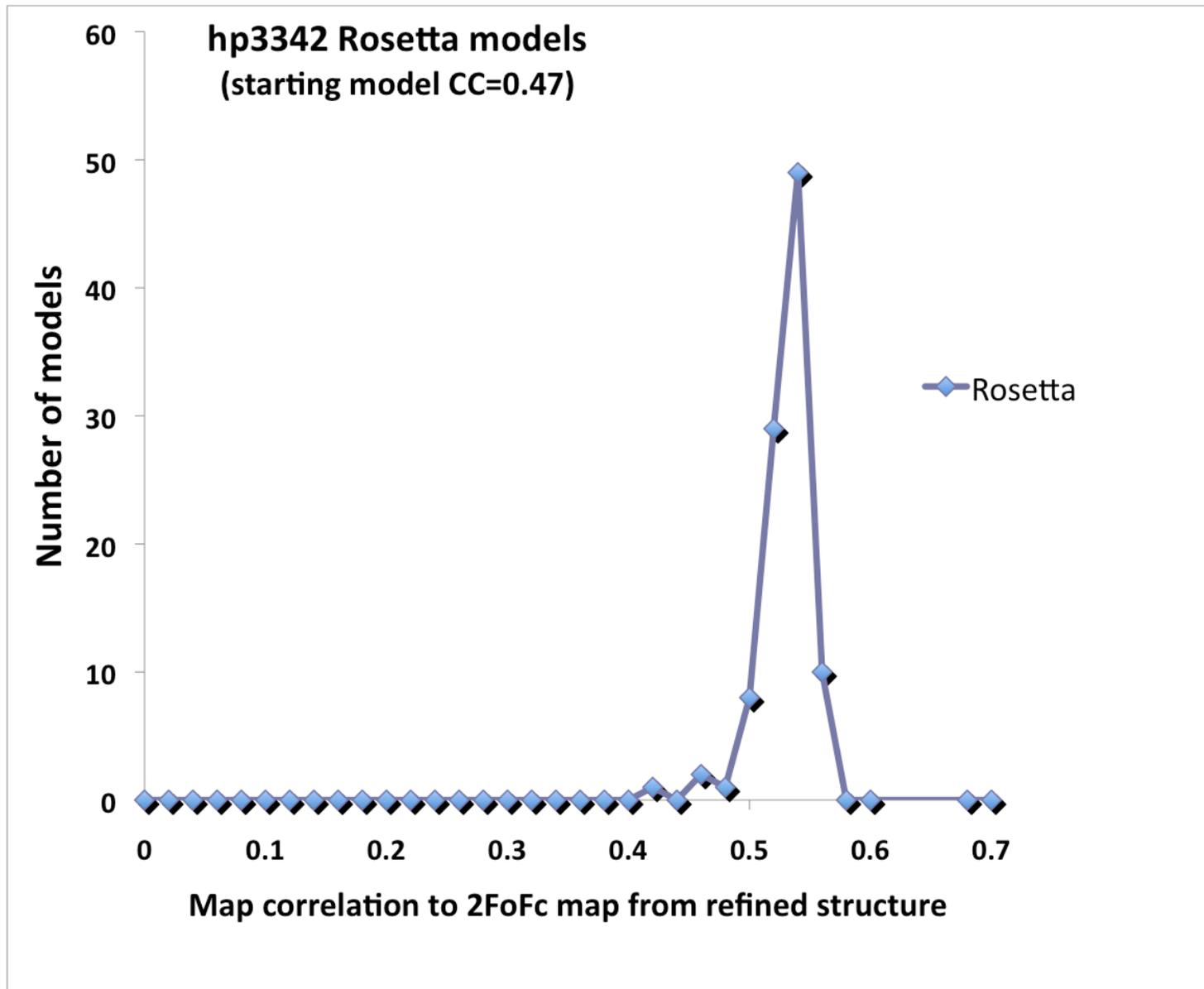
hp3342, 22%
identity
template
(1vgy),
3.2 Å data

Density-
modified map
based on
1vgy

Yellow: final
model
Blue:
template
(1vgy)



MR_rosetta example: hp3342



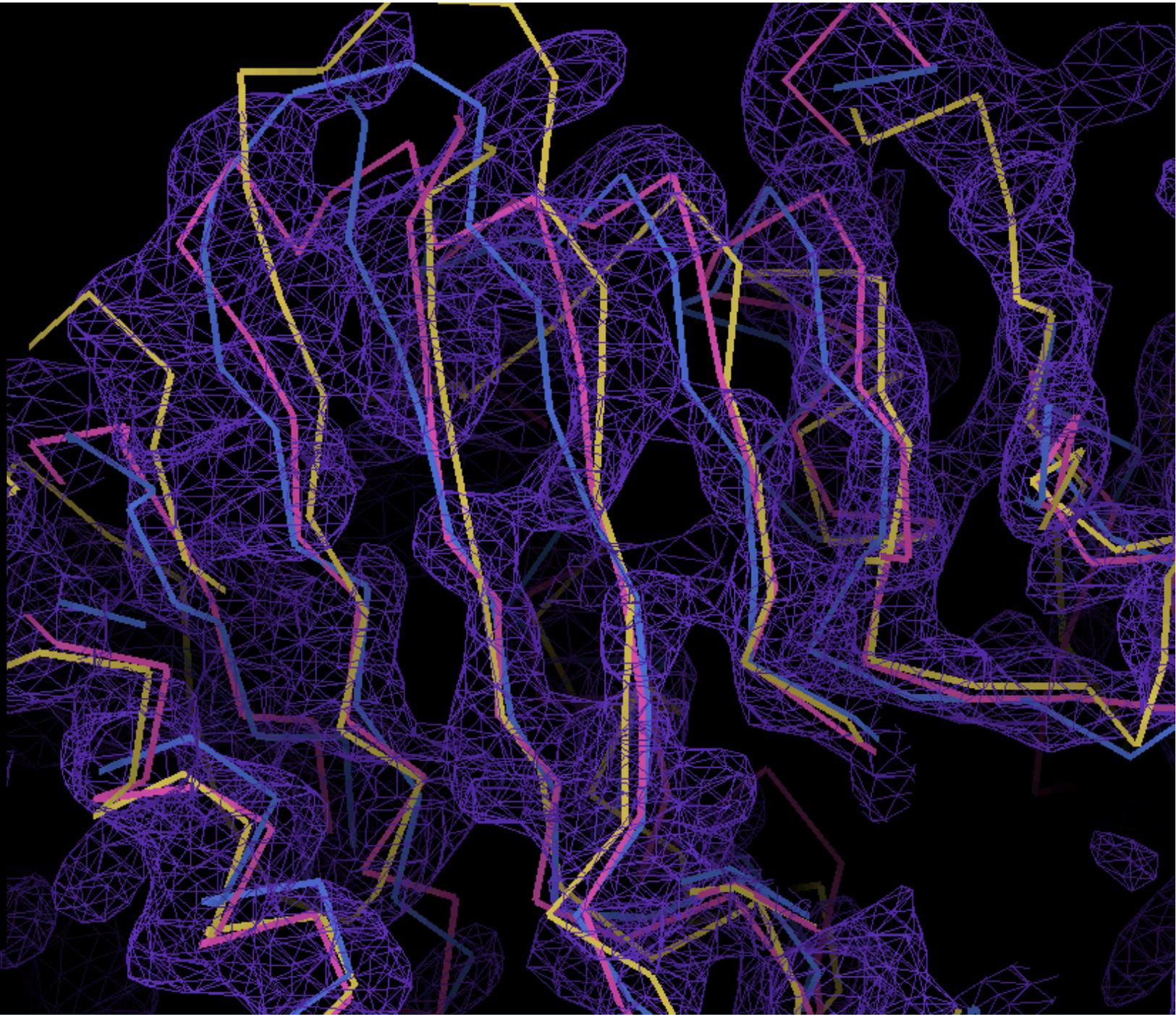
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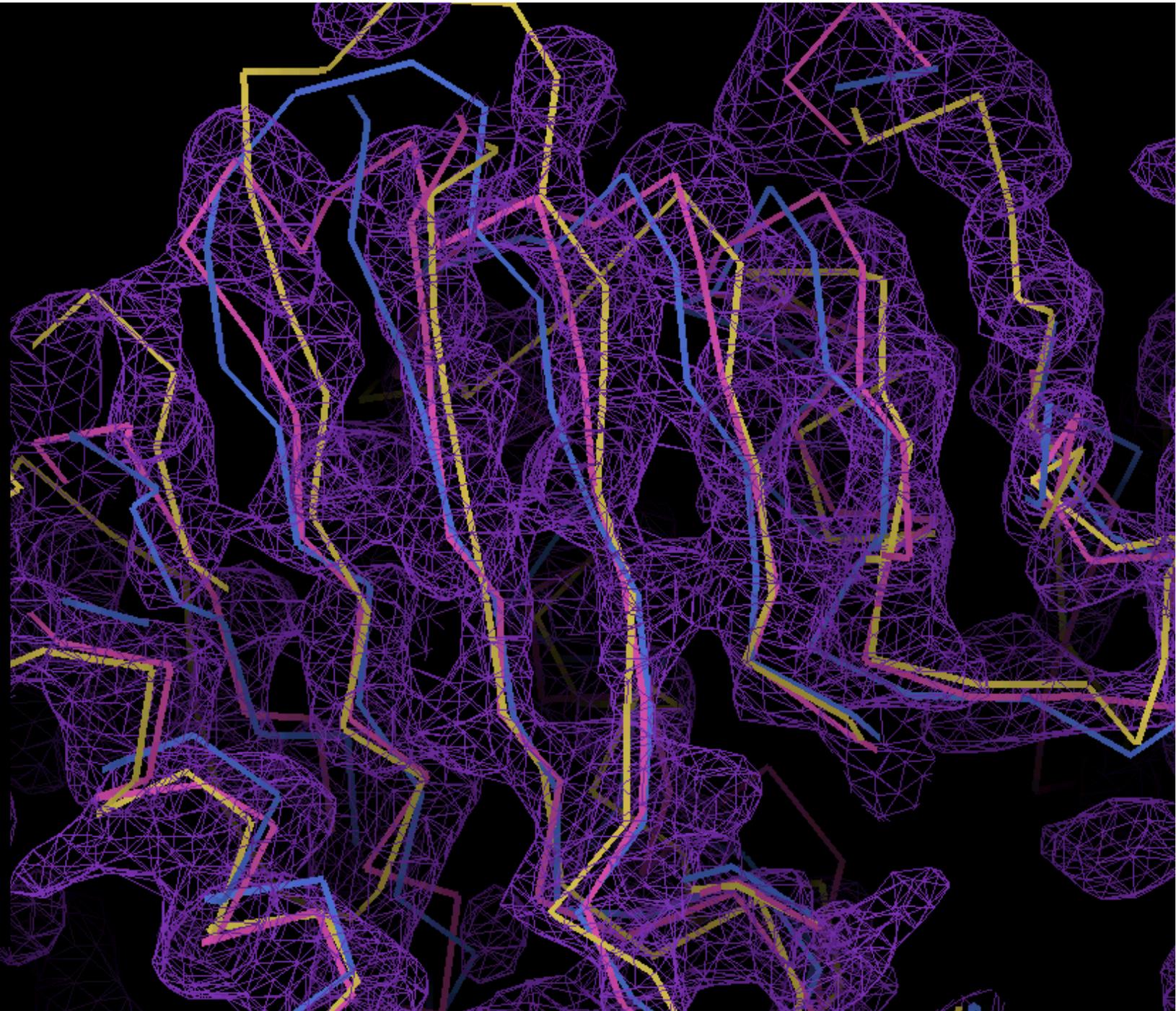
Pink: Highest-
scoring
Rosetta model



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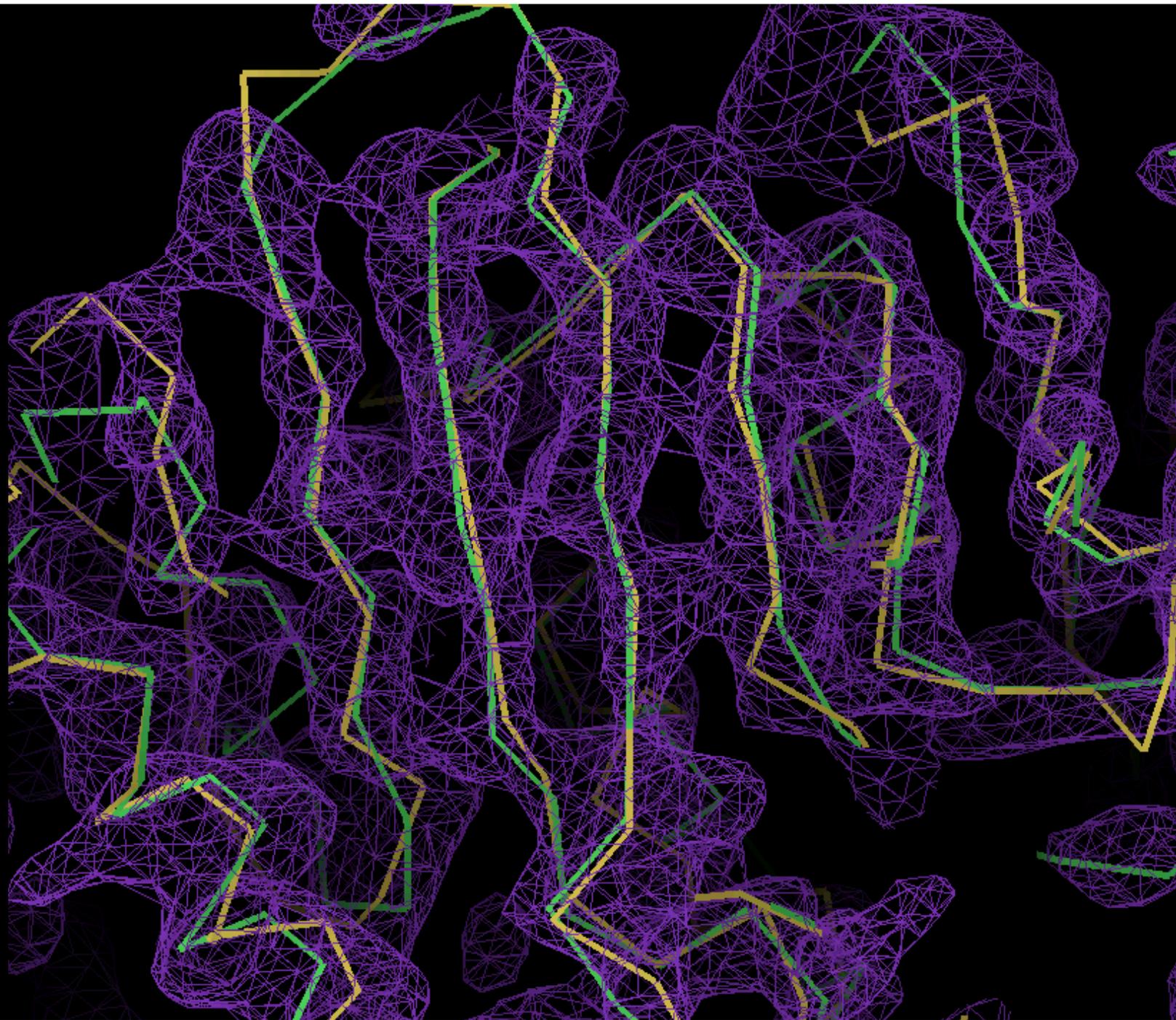


hp3342, 22%
identity
template
(1vgy),
3.2 Å data

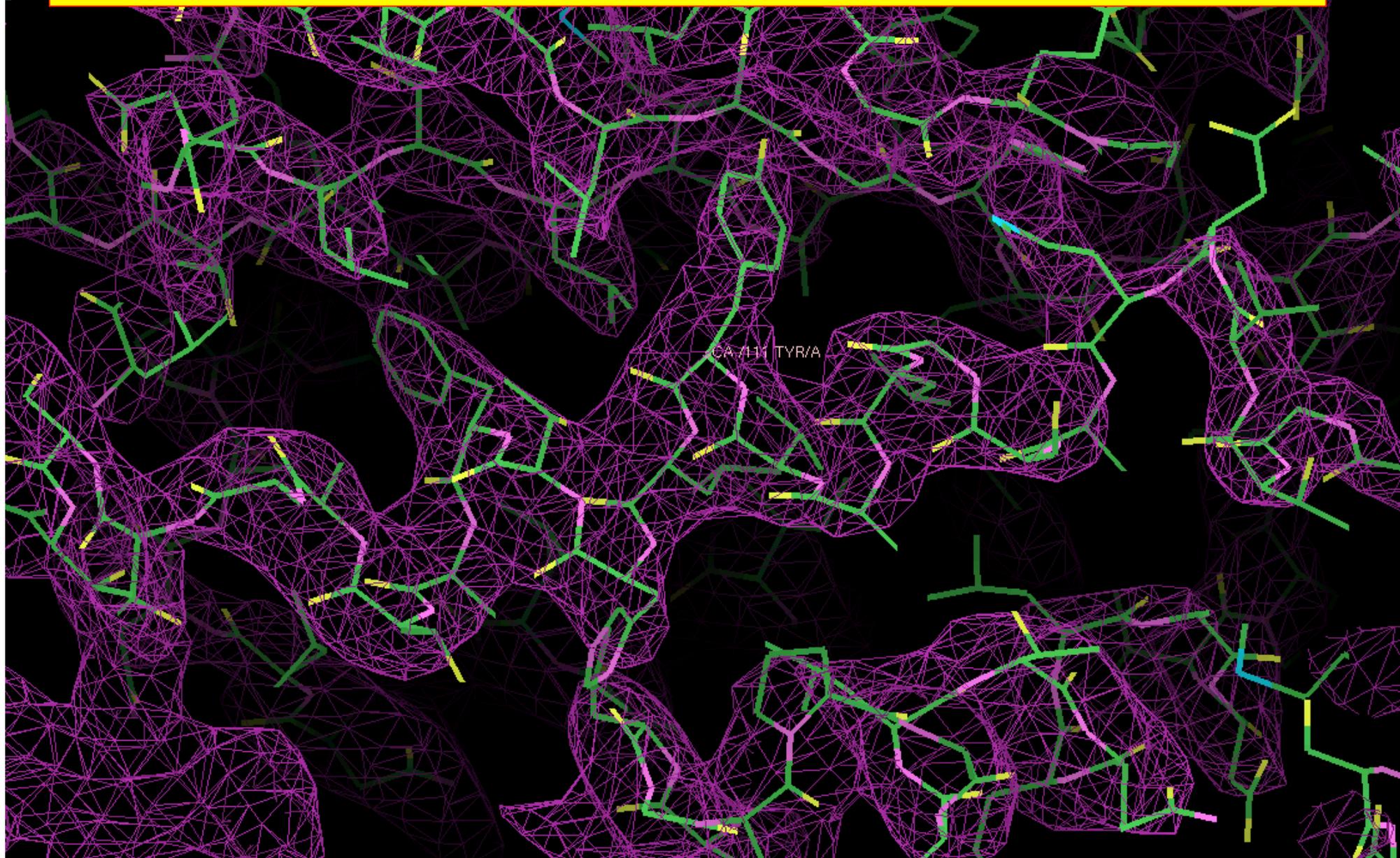
**Density-
modified map
based on
Rosetta
model**

**Yellow: final
model**

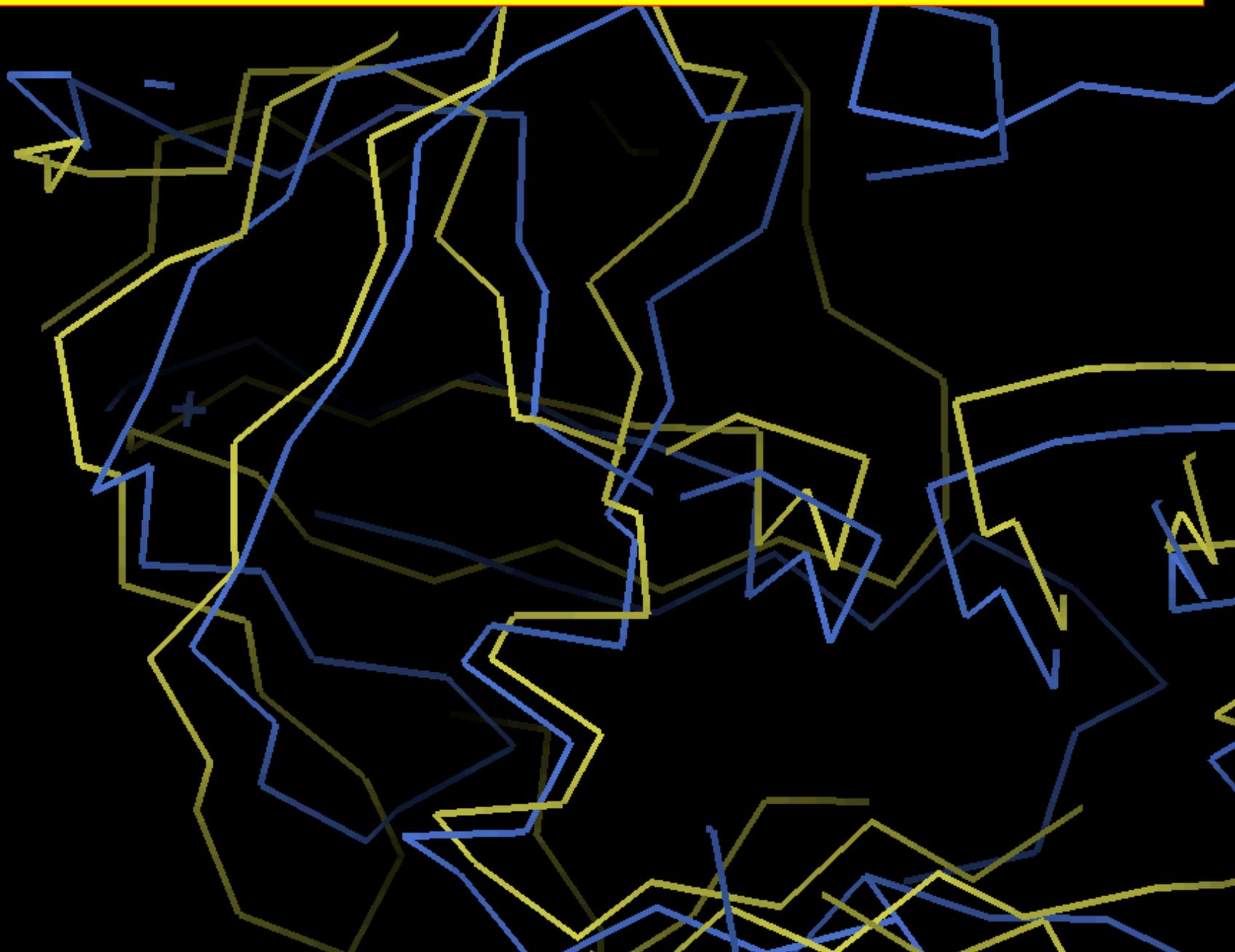
**Green:
autobuild
model**



HP3342, 22% identity template, 3.2 Å data,
R/Rfree=0.34/0.41 B=87 Å²



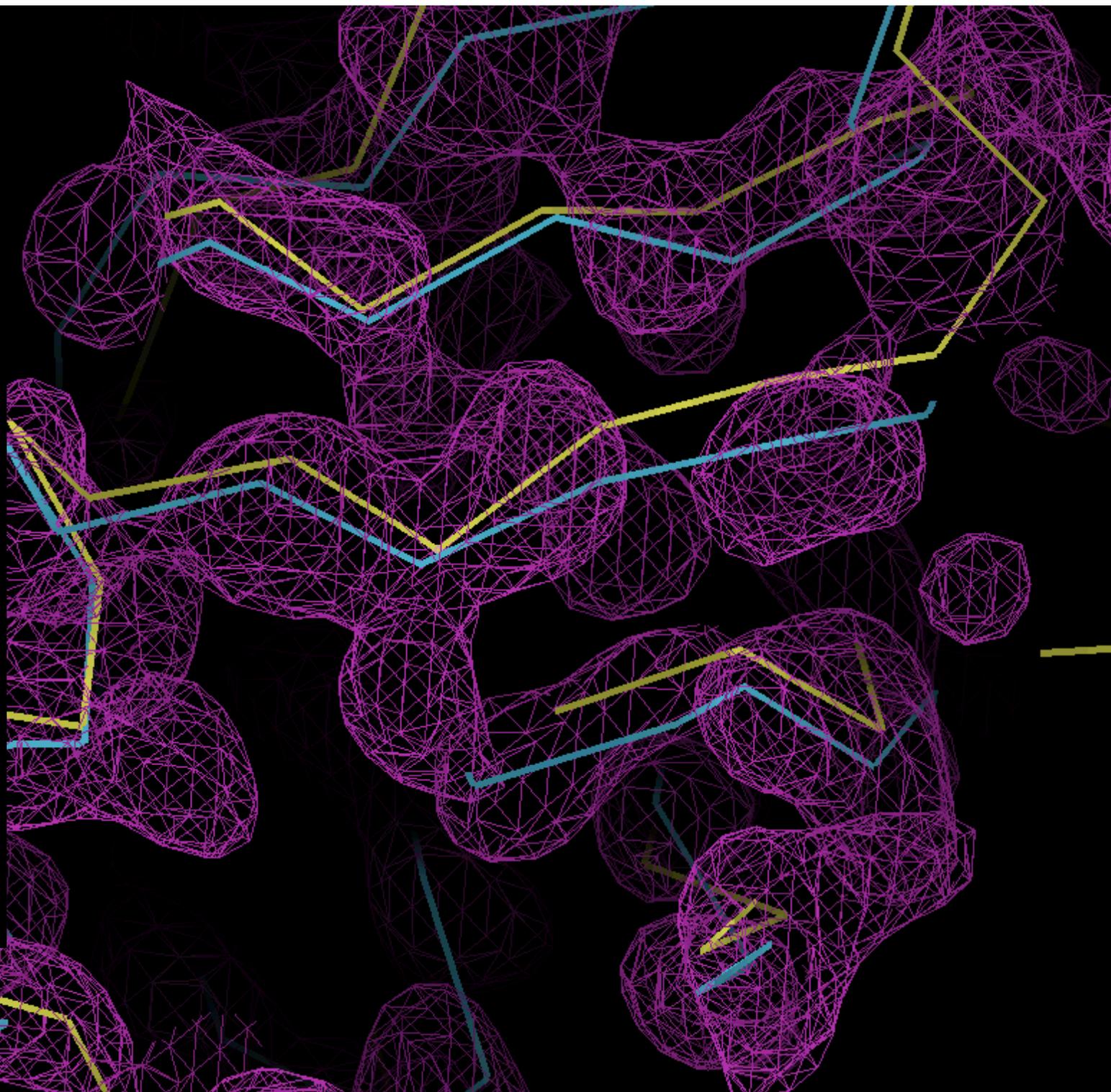
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XMRV, 30% identity template (2hs1), 2.0 Å data**



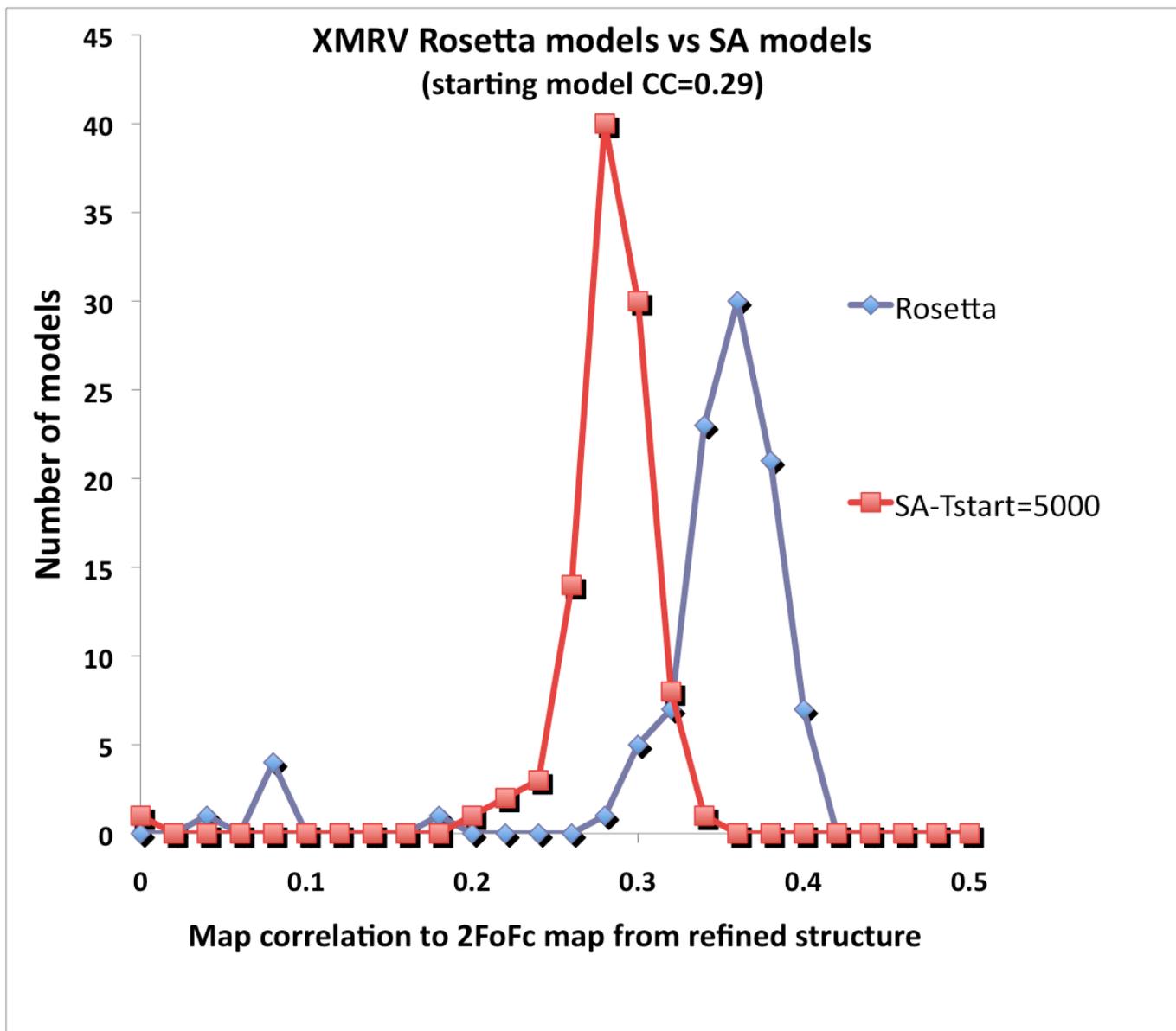
XMRV, 30%
identity
template,
2.0 Å data

Density-
modified map
based on
2hs1

Yellow: final
model
Blue:
template
(2hs1)



MR_rosetta example: *XMRV*



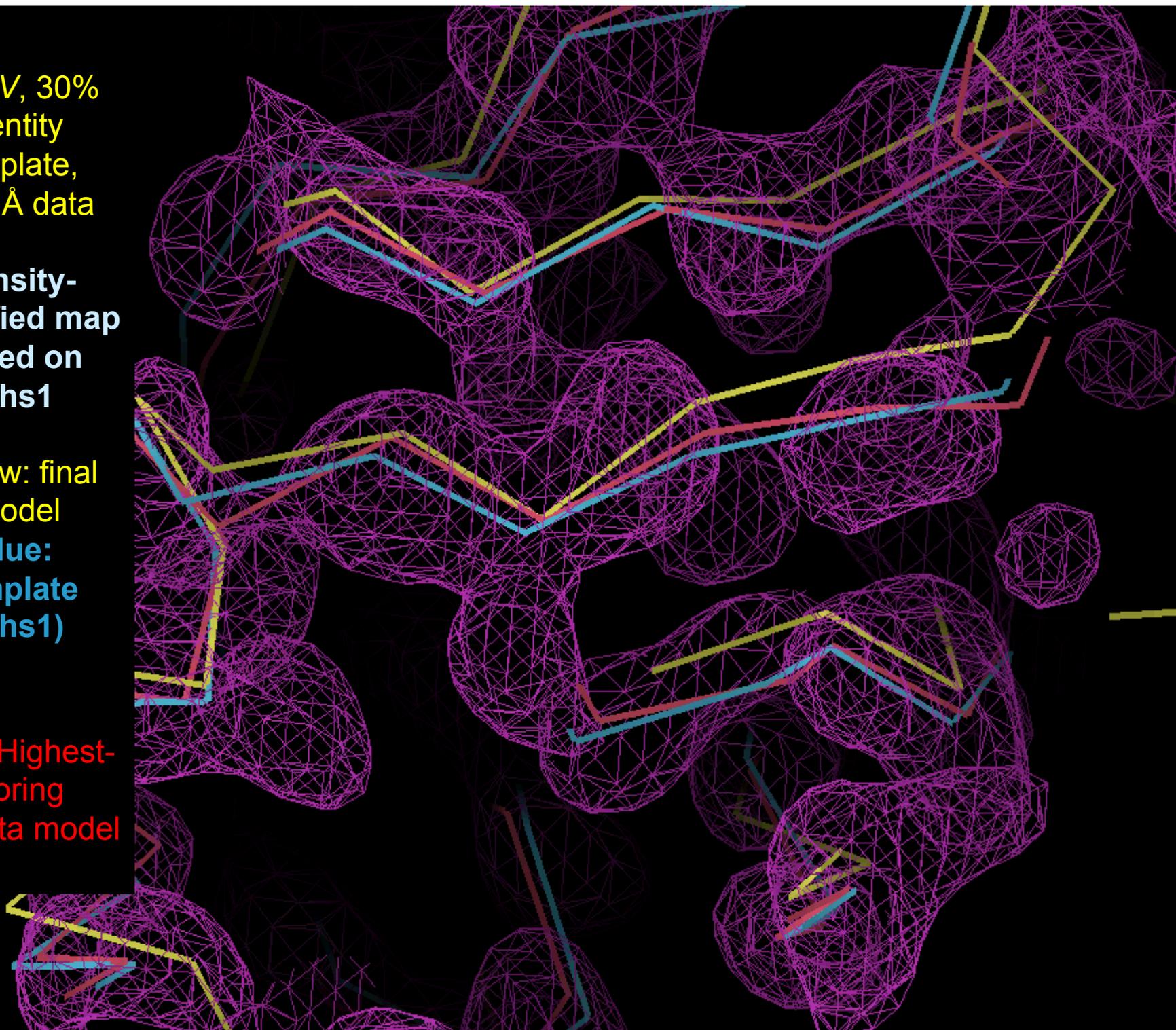
XMRV, 30%
identity
template,
2.0 Å data

Density-
modified map
based on
2hs1

Yellow: final
model

Blue:
template
(2hs1)

Red: Highest-
scoring
Rosetta model



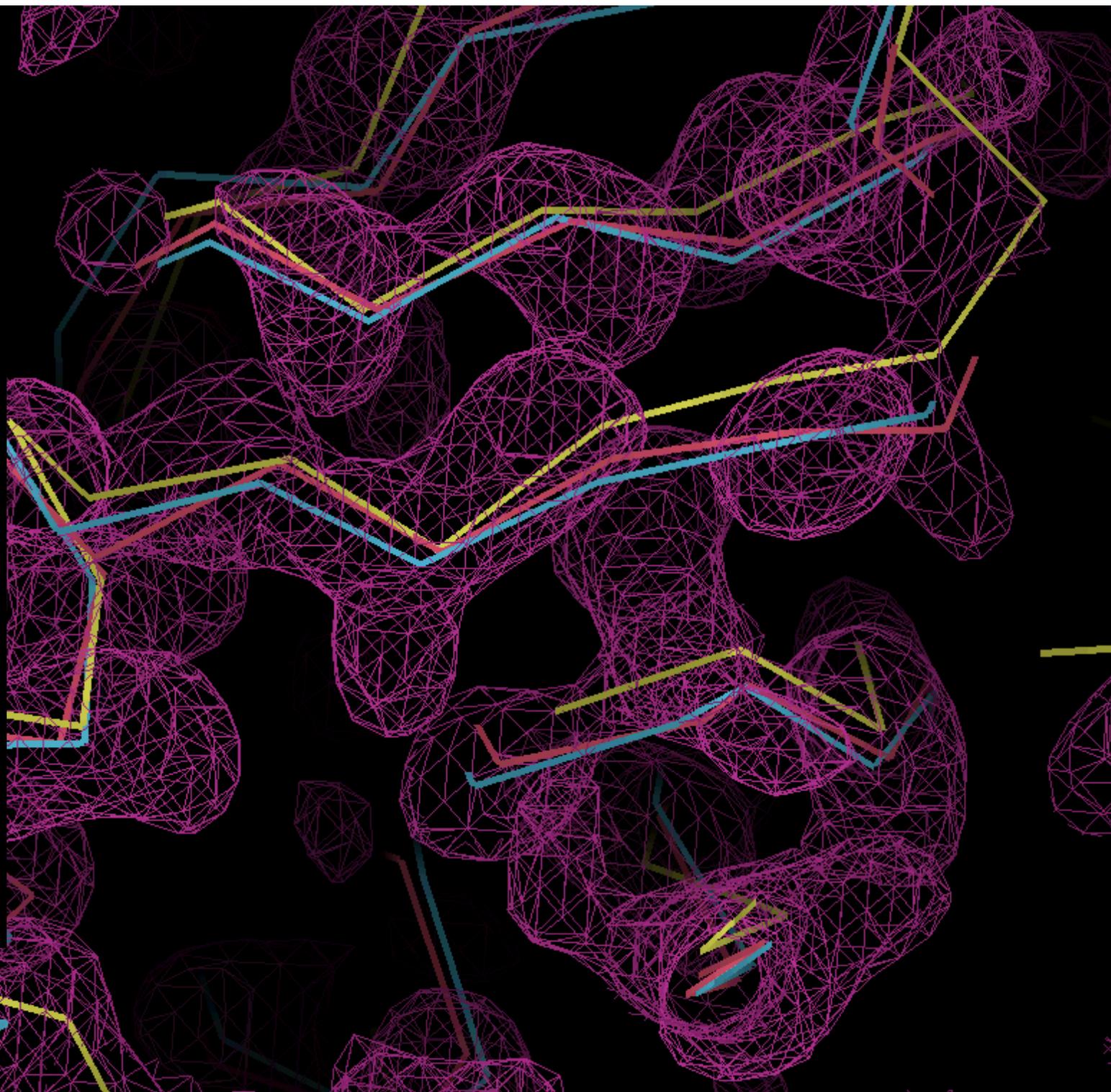
XMRV, 30%
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template,
2.0 Å data

Density-
modified map
from Rosetta
model

Yellow: final
model

Blue:
template
(2hs1)

Red: Highest-
scoring
Rosetta model



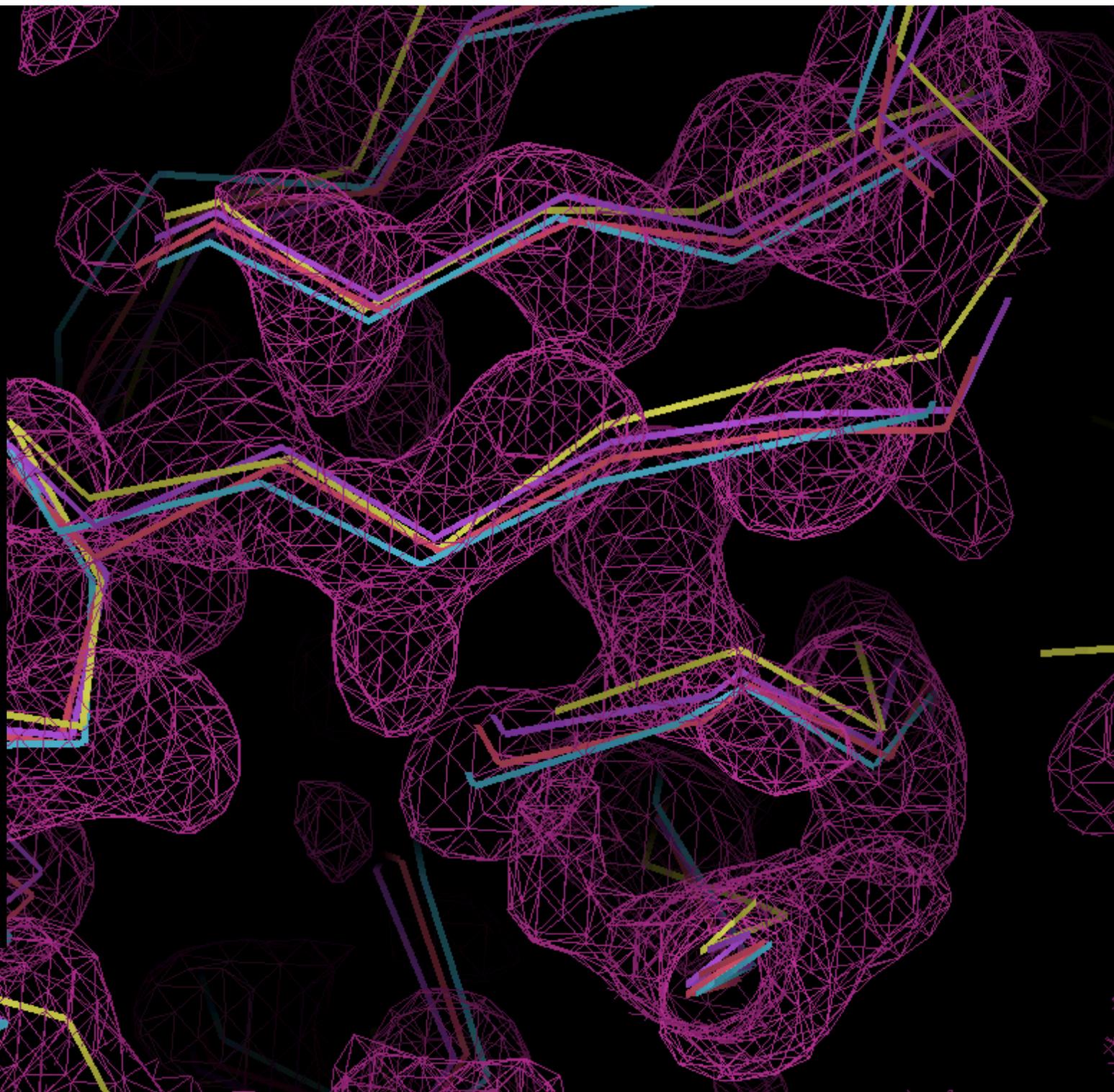
XMRV, 30%
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Density-
modified map
from Rosetta
model

Yellow: final
model

Blue:
template
(2hs1)

Purple:
Relaxed
Rosetta model



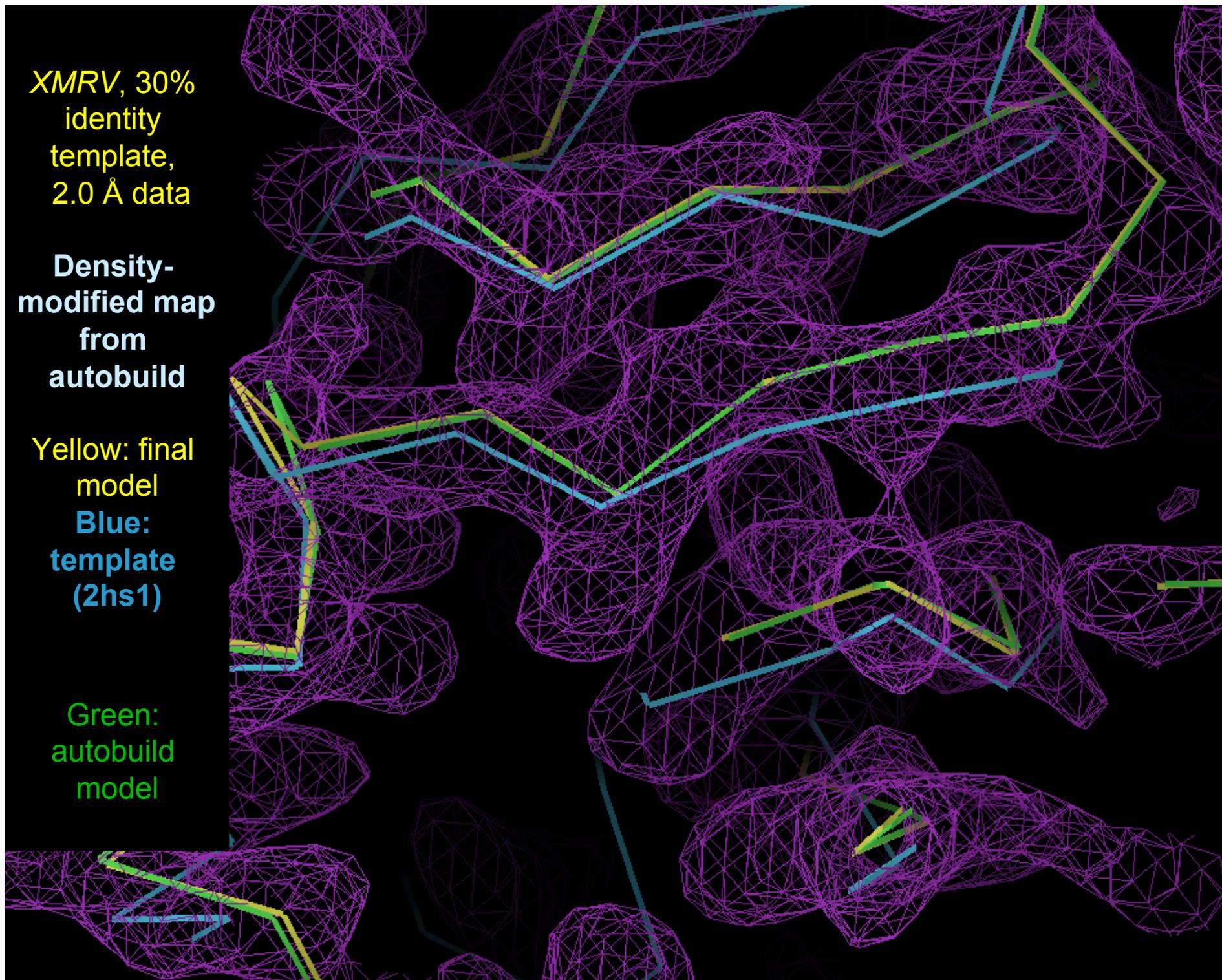
XMRV, 30%
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Density-
modified map
from
autobuild

Yellow: final
model

Blue:
template
(2hs1)

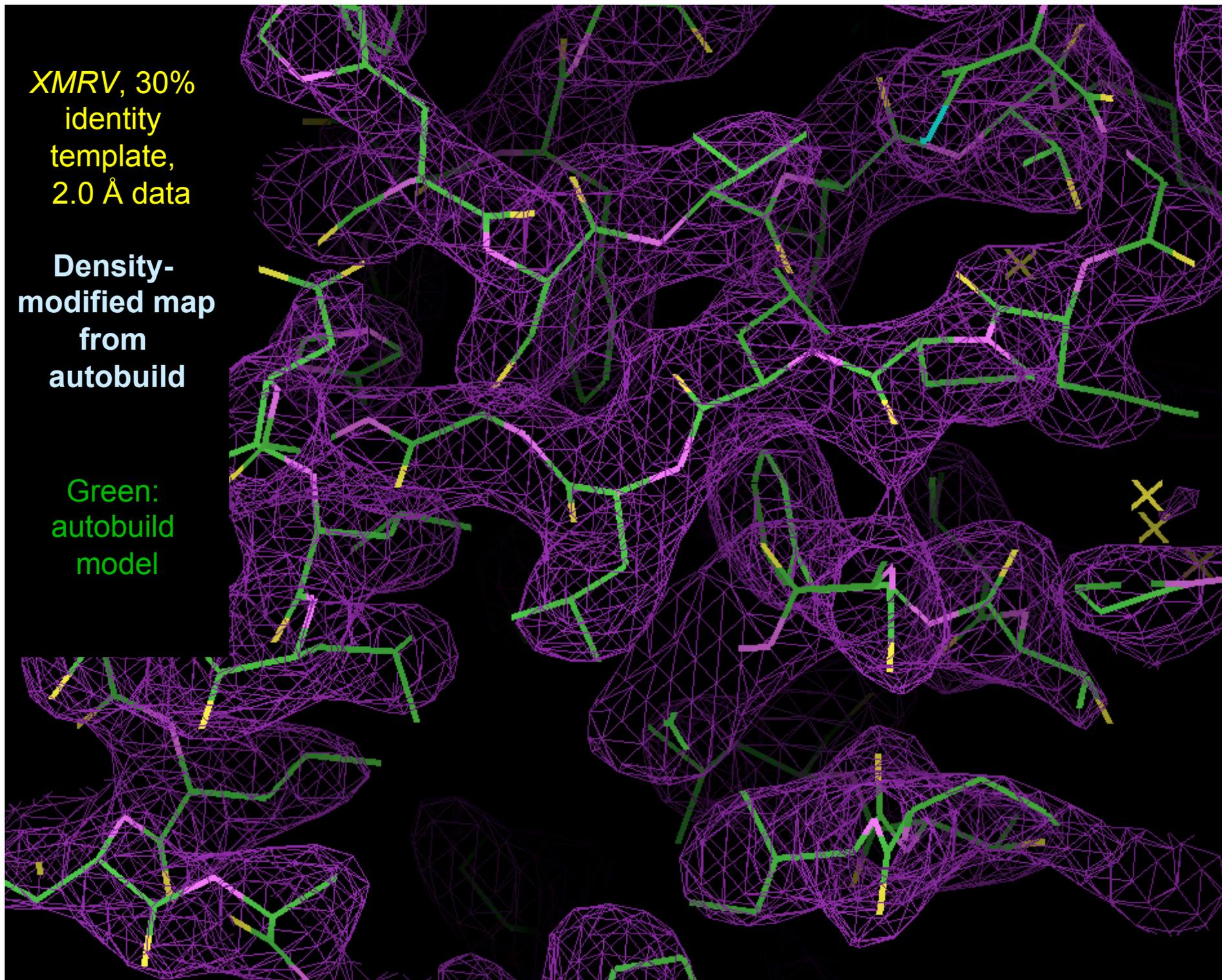
Green:
autobuild
model



XMRV, 30%
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template,
2.0 Å data

Density-
modified map
from
autobuild

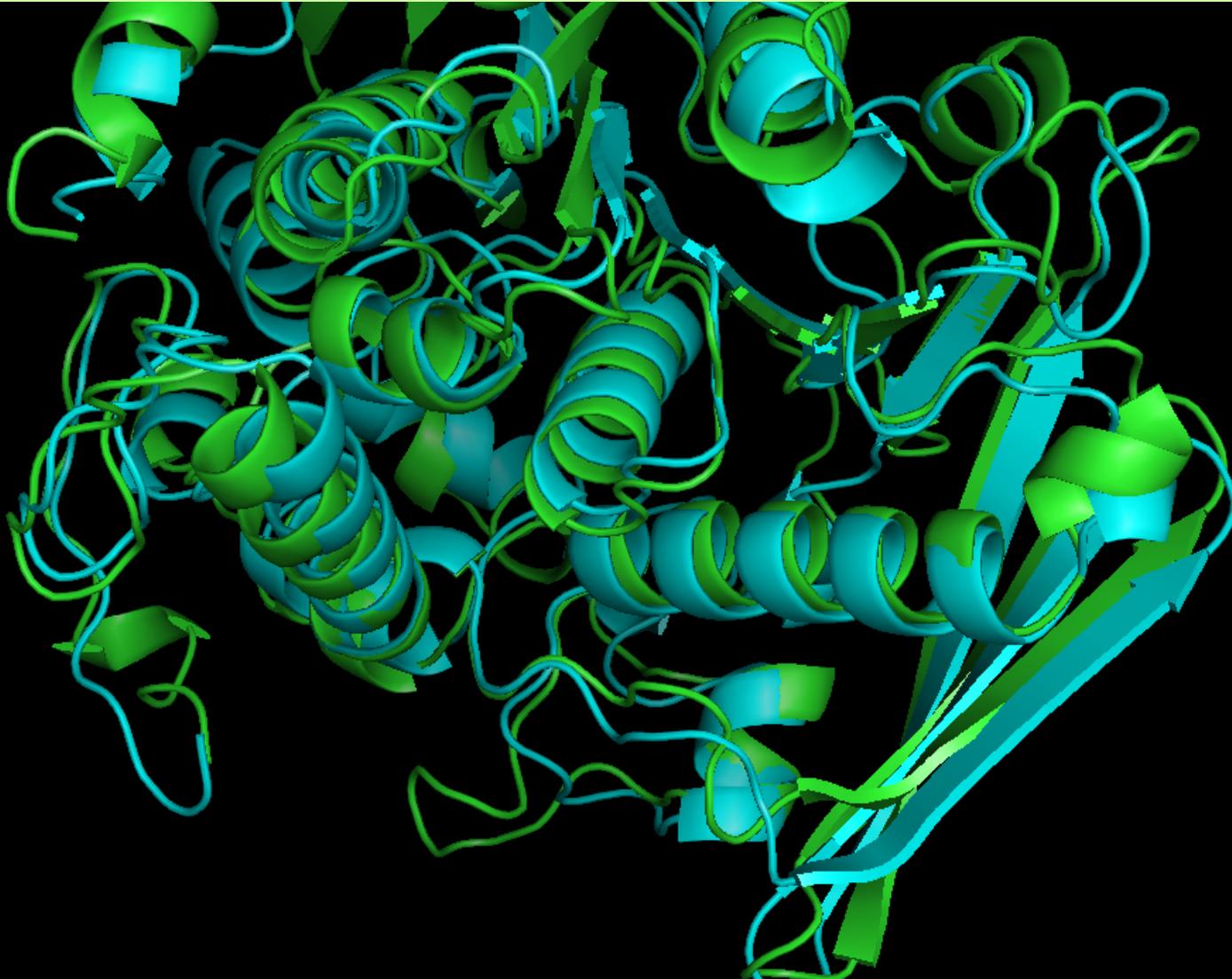
Green:
autobuild
model



Structure determination of cab55348 (using template supplied by user)

1.9 Å, 28% sequence identity (AutoMR alone fails with R/Rfree=0.47/0.53)

MR model: blue, Final model: green

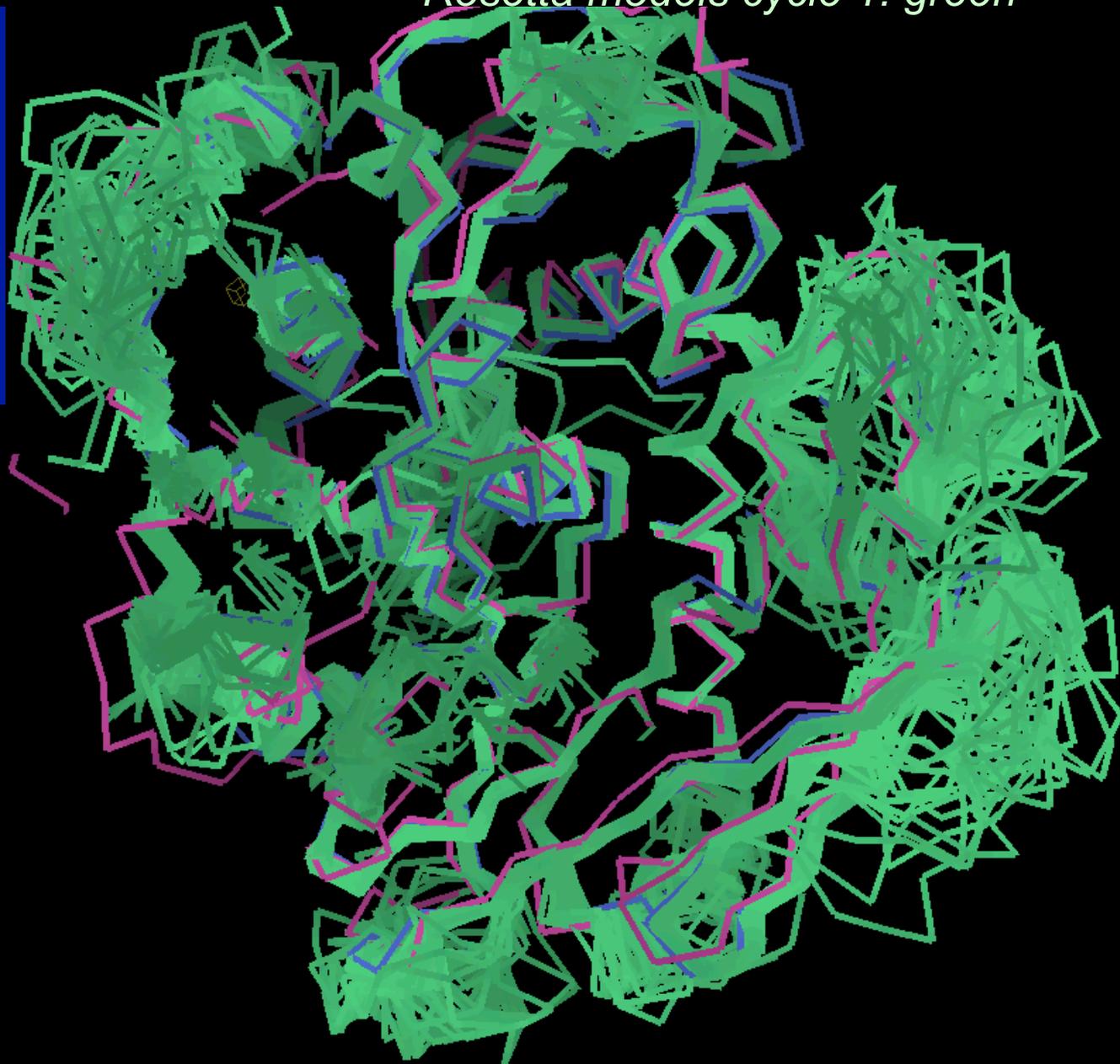


MR model : blue

Final model: pink

Rosetta models cycle 1: green

*Sample
Rosetta
models in
cycles 1 and
2,*

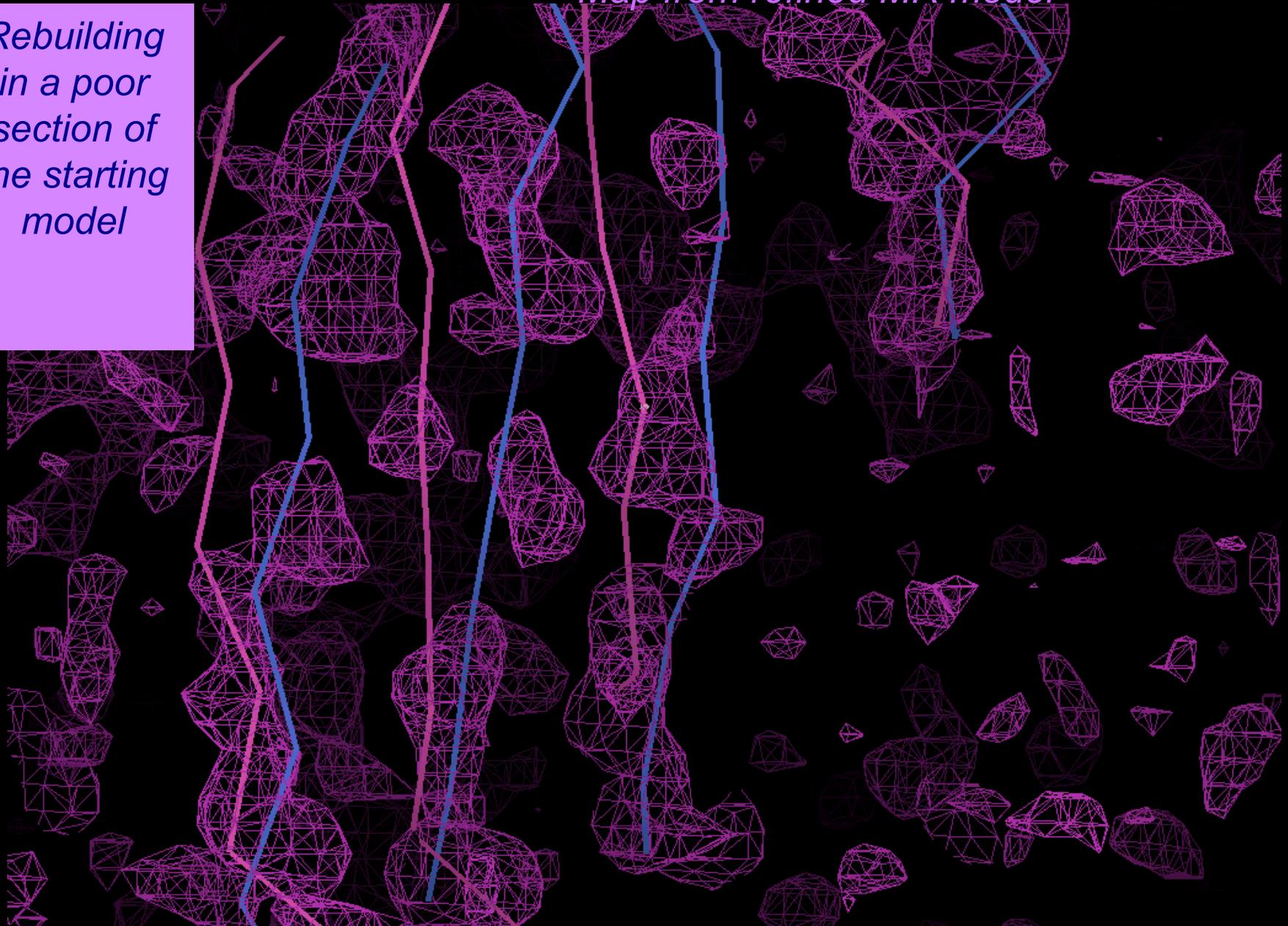


MR model : blue

Final model: pink

Map from refined MR model

*Rebuilding
in a poor
section of
the starting
model*



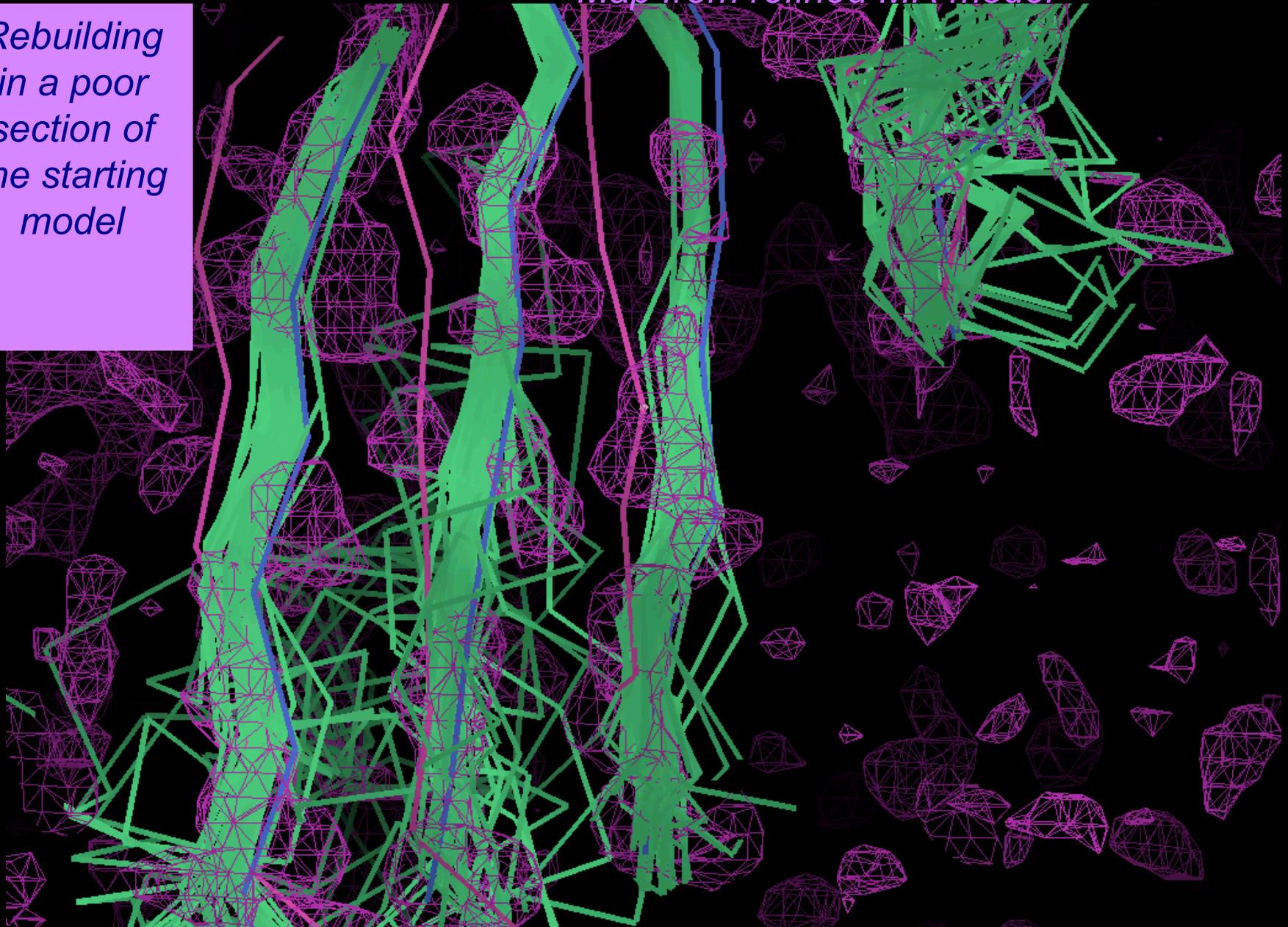
MR model : blue

Final model: pink

Rosetta models cycle 1: green

Map from refined MR model

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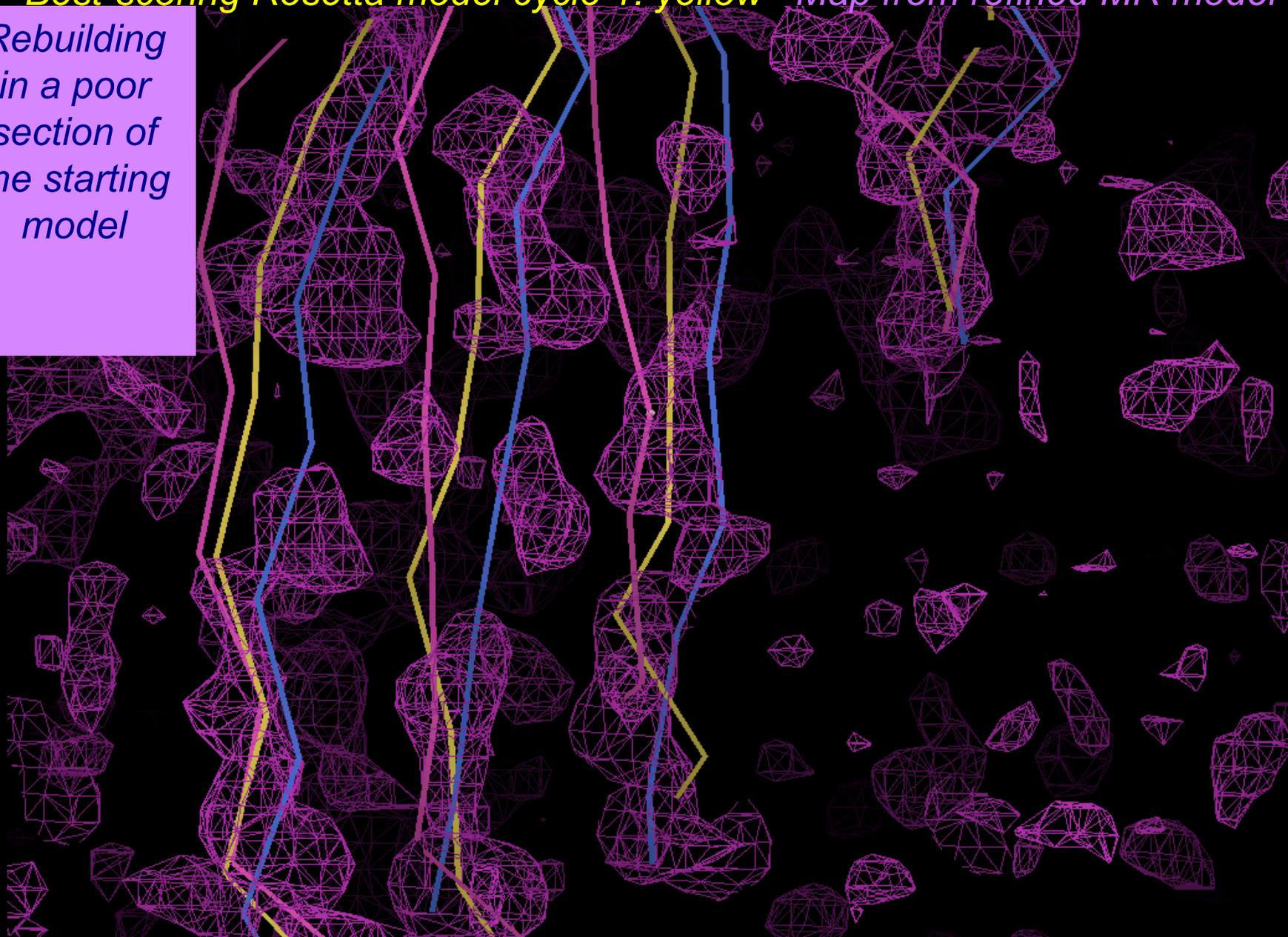
MR model : blue

Final model: pink

Best-scoring Rosetta model cycle 1: yellow

Map from refined MR model

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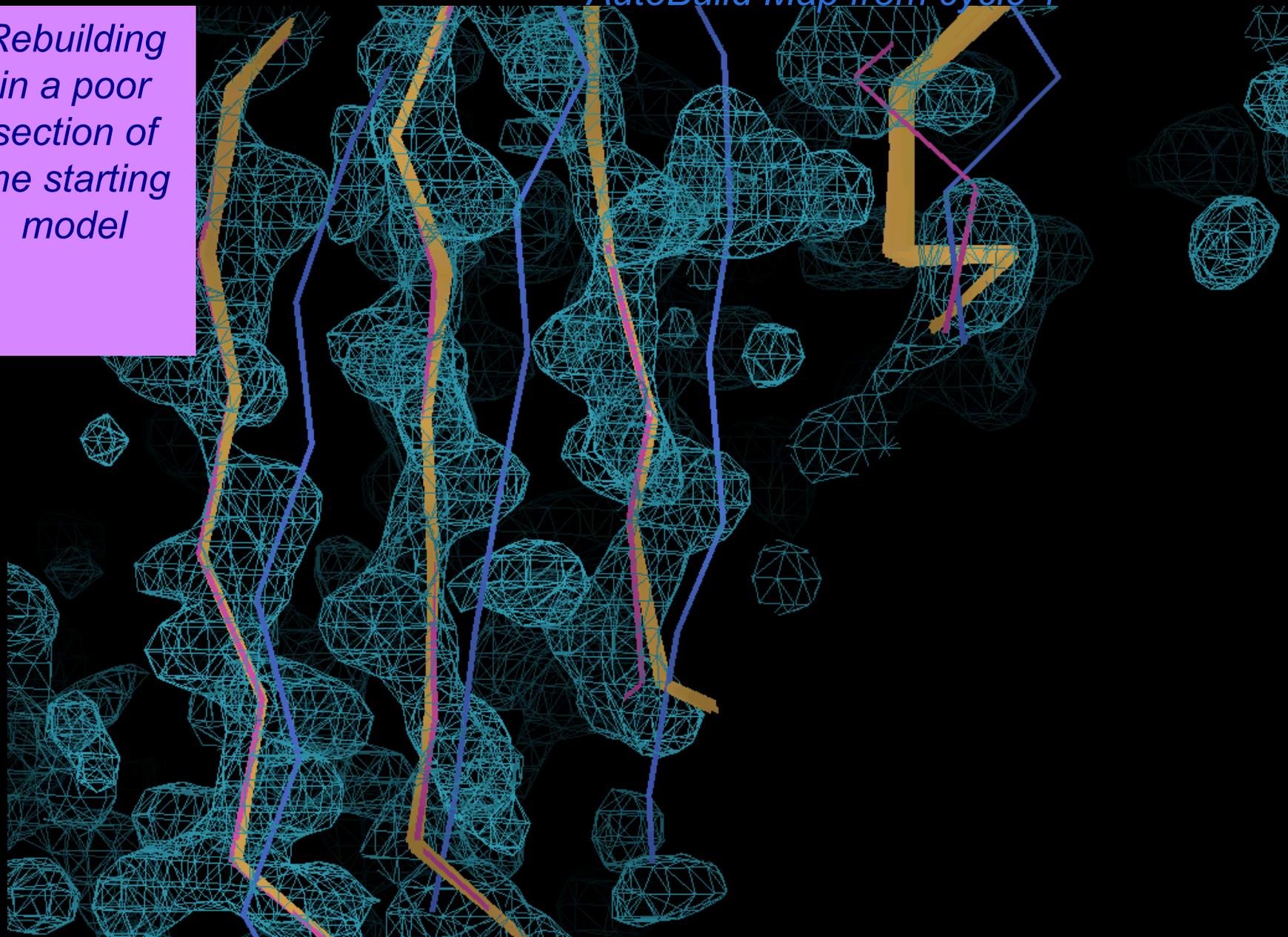
MR model : blue

Final model: pink

Rosetta models cycle 2: yellow

AutoBuild Map from cycle 1

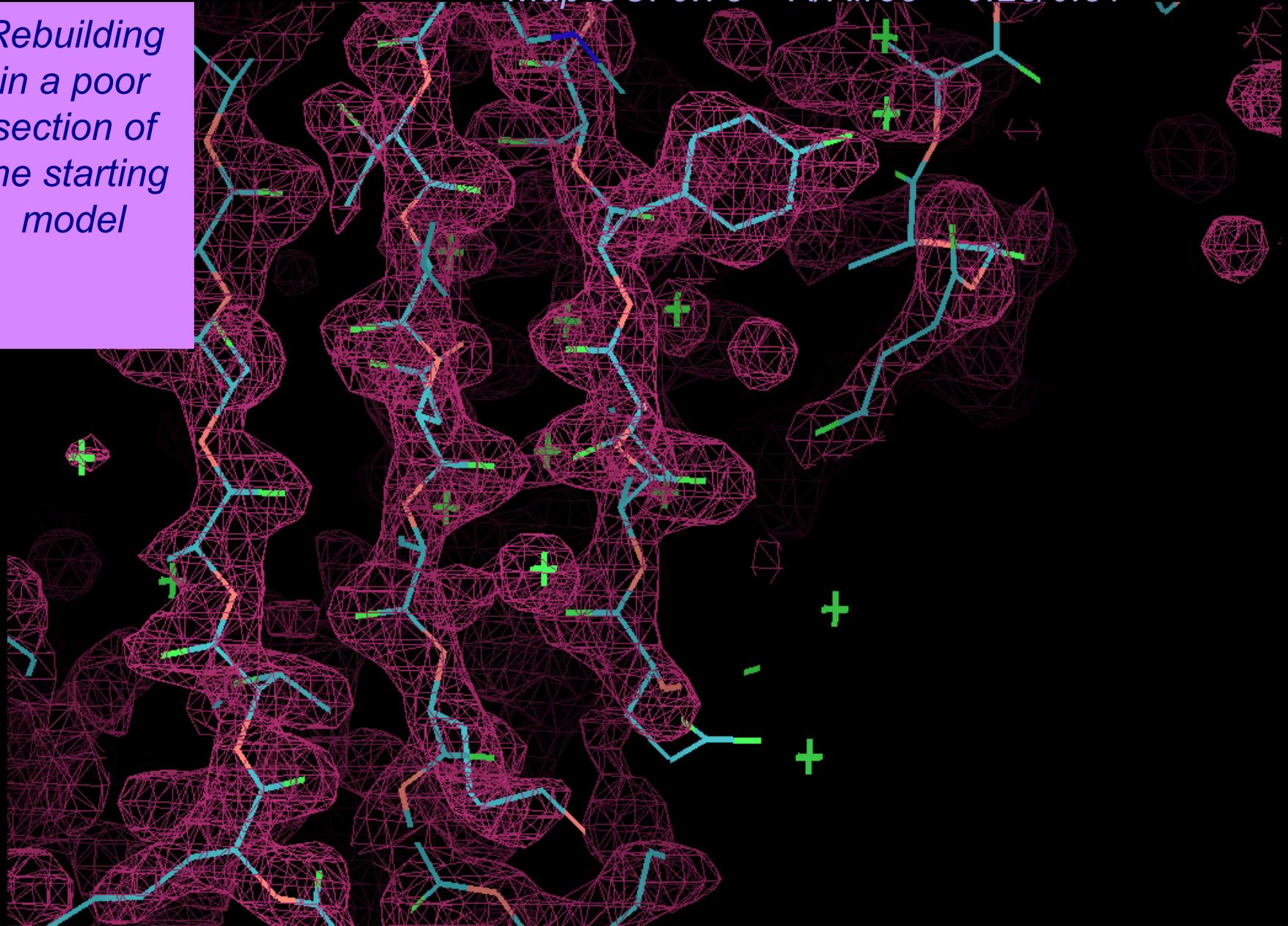
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AutoBuild model cycle 2

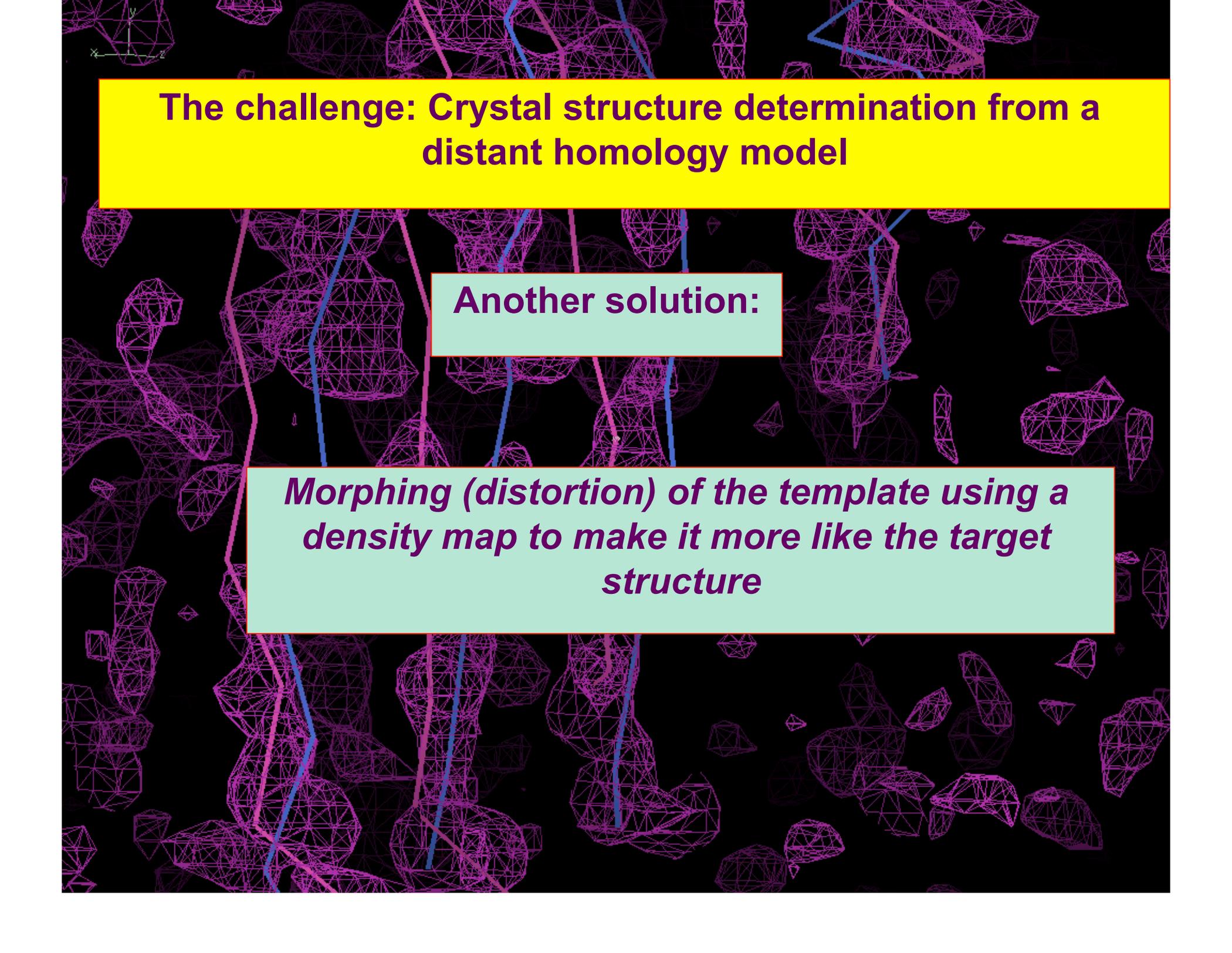
Map CC: 0.78 R/Rfree = 0.26/0.31

Rebuilding
in a poor
section of
the starting
model



mr_rosetta rebuilding starting with placed templates

structure	dmin	% ident	ncs	Free R	template (Structural genomics structures)
ag9603a	1.7	100	2	0.27	NMR model
cab55348	1.9	31	1	0.23	Unpublished structure
xmrv	2.0	30	2	0.34	HIV protease
fk4430	2.1	22	1	0.29	Nudix hydrolase (MCSG)
thiod	2.1	22/15	1	0.30	Thioredoxin;protein disulfide isomerase
bfr258e	2.2	19	2	0.28	Glutathione-S-transferase
niko	2.5	27	2	0.31	Carboxyvinyltransferase (RIKEN)
estan	2.5	18	1	0.25	Alpha-amylase
fj6376	2.7	21	4	0.30	Domain of unknown function 364 (JCSG)
pc02153	2.8	29	1	0.44	Prephanate dehydrogenase (NYSGC)
pc0265	2.9	29	2	0.39	Xanthine dehydrogenase
tirap	3.0	22	1	0.42	MYD88 (NMR model, NESG)
hp3342	3.2	20	1	0.42	Succinyl diaminopimelate desuccinylase (SGX)



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Another solution:

Morphing (distortion) of the template using a density map to make it more like the target structure

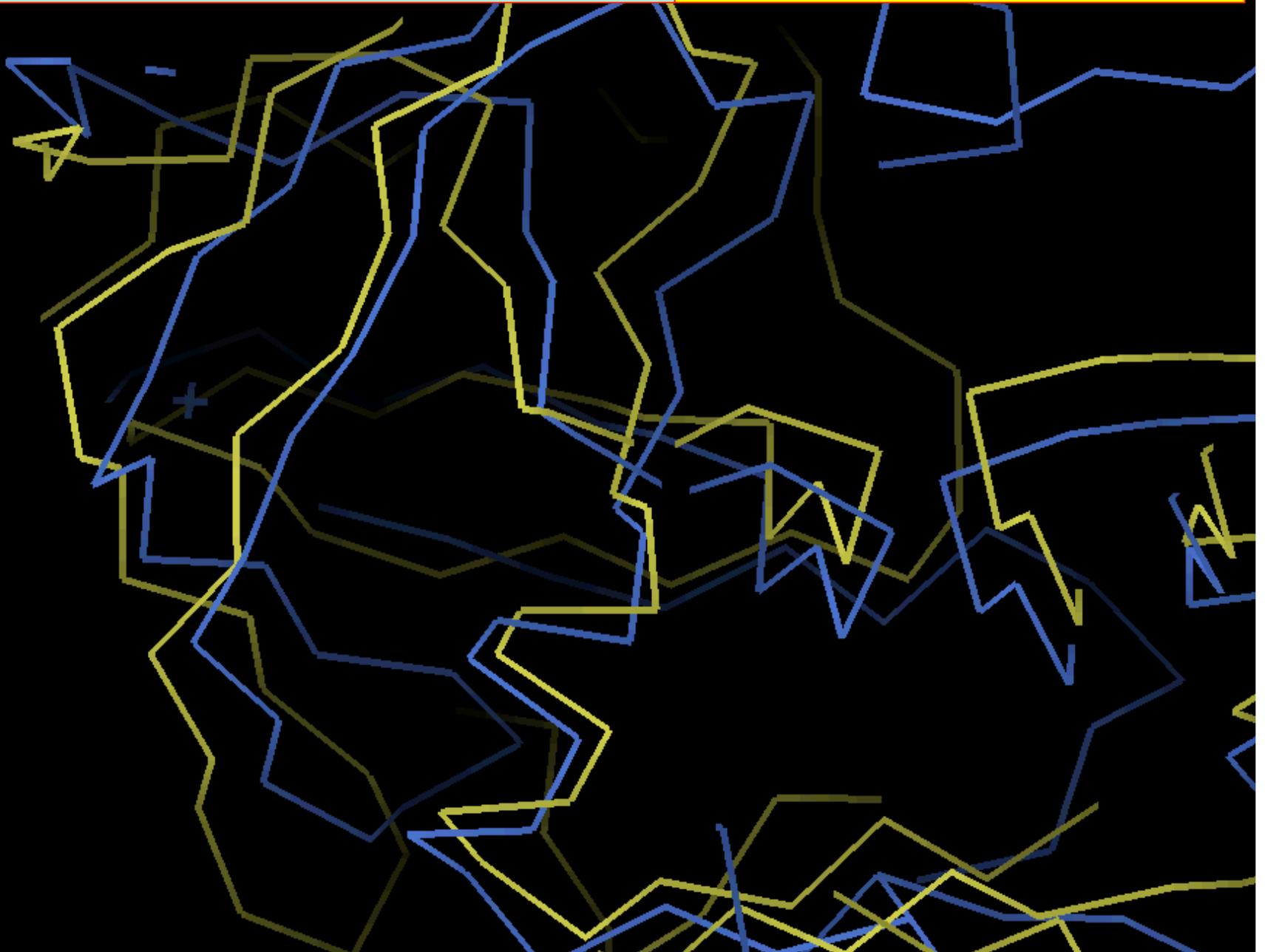
Related structures often have high local similarity

ag9603; approximate NMR model as template in pink



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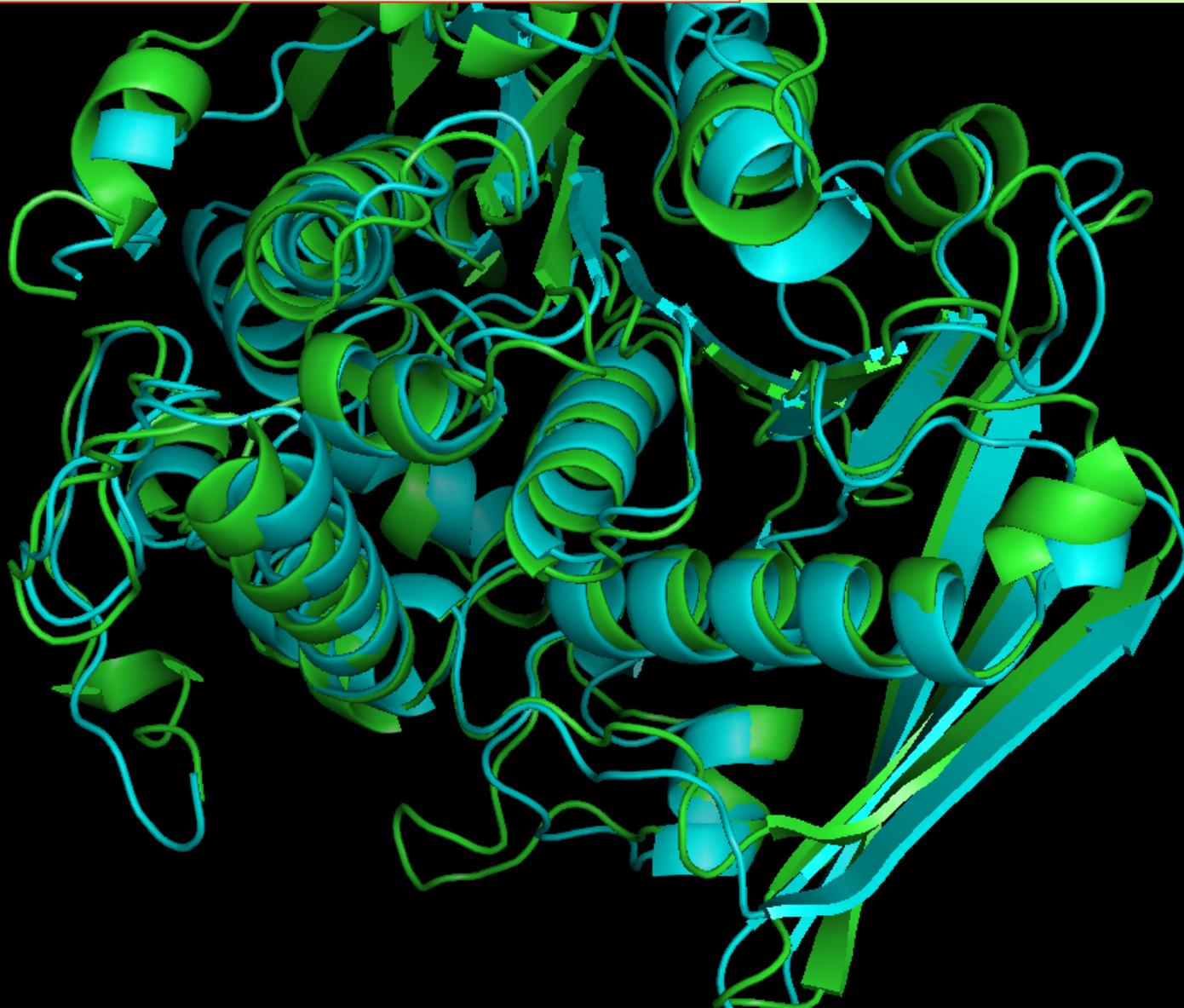
XMRV PR, 30% identity template (2hs1) in blue



Related structures often have high local similarity

cab55348

*32% identical template (Cip2)
in blue*



Taking advantage of local similarities
of homologous structures

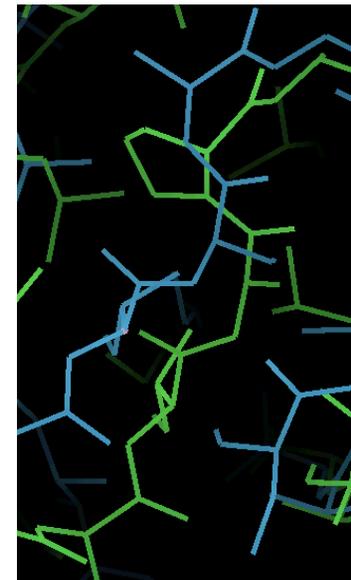
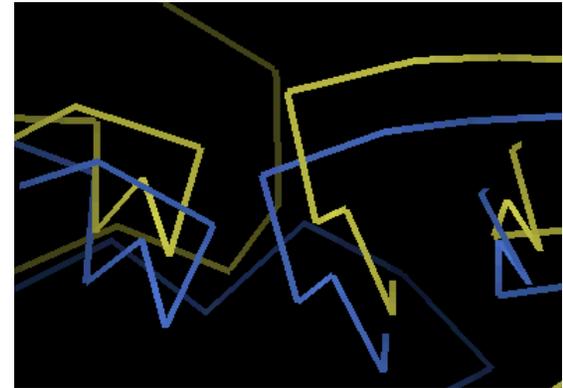
Rigid-body refinement of segments

Fragment searches (FFFEAR, ESSENS)

DEN or jelly-body refinement

Rosetta modeling

Morphing

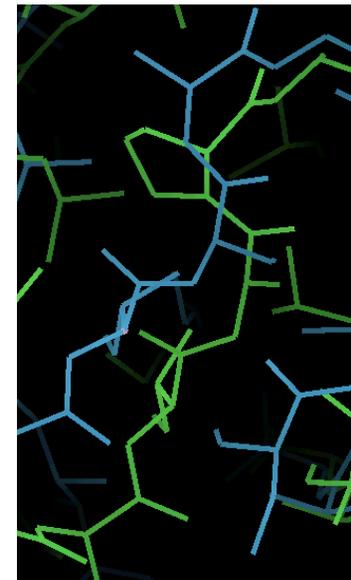
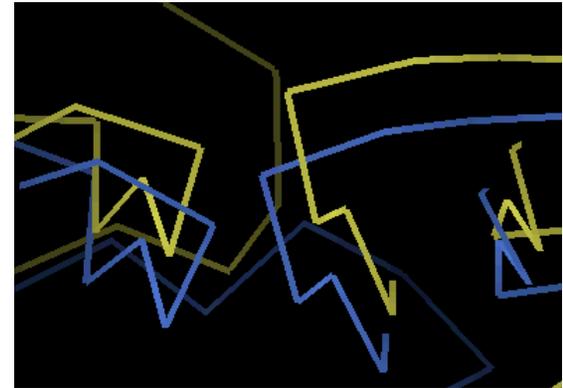


Morphing

Local structures may superimpose very closely

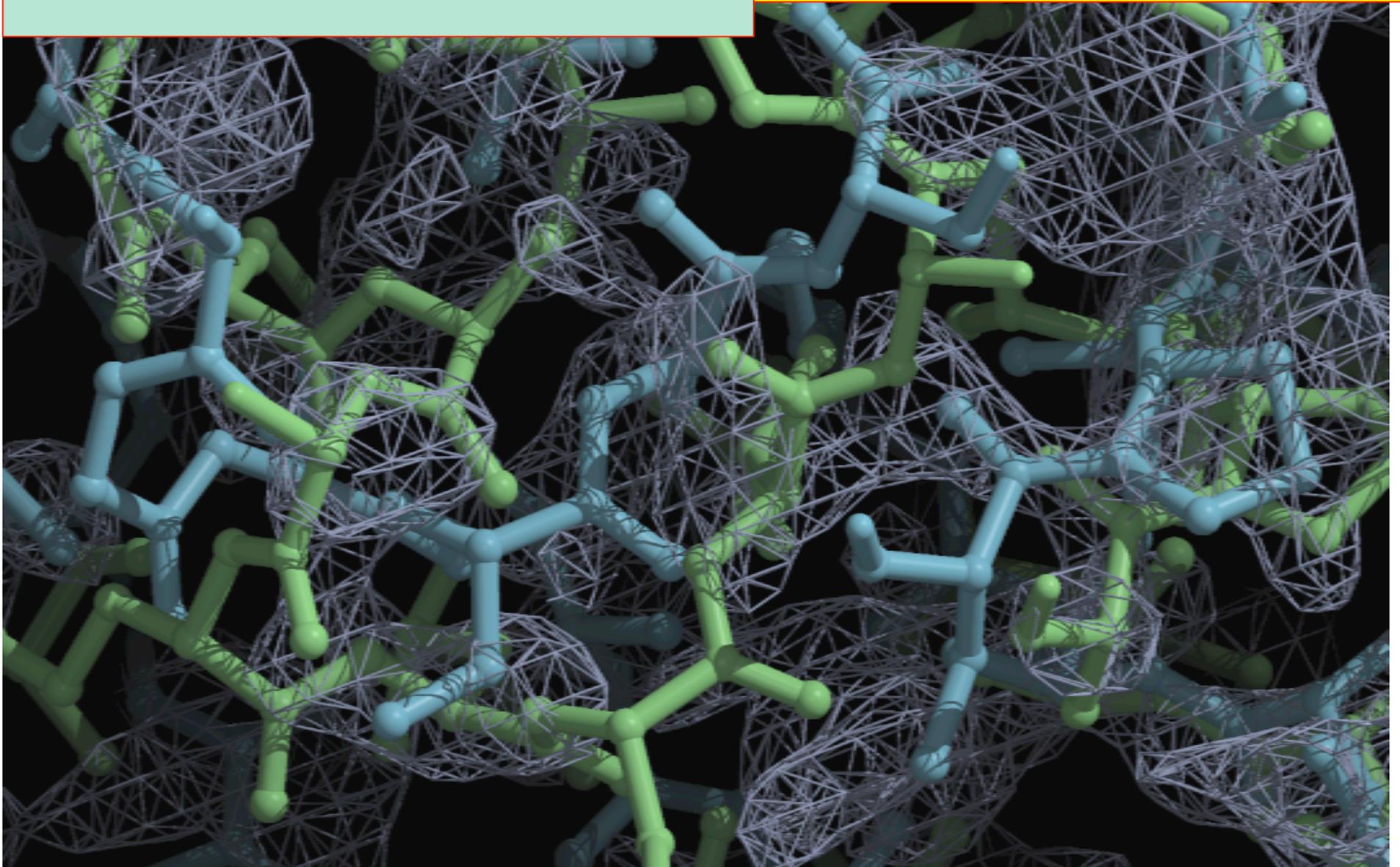
The position of a large group of atoms can be identified accurately with a poor map

Relationship between structures may be a simple distortion



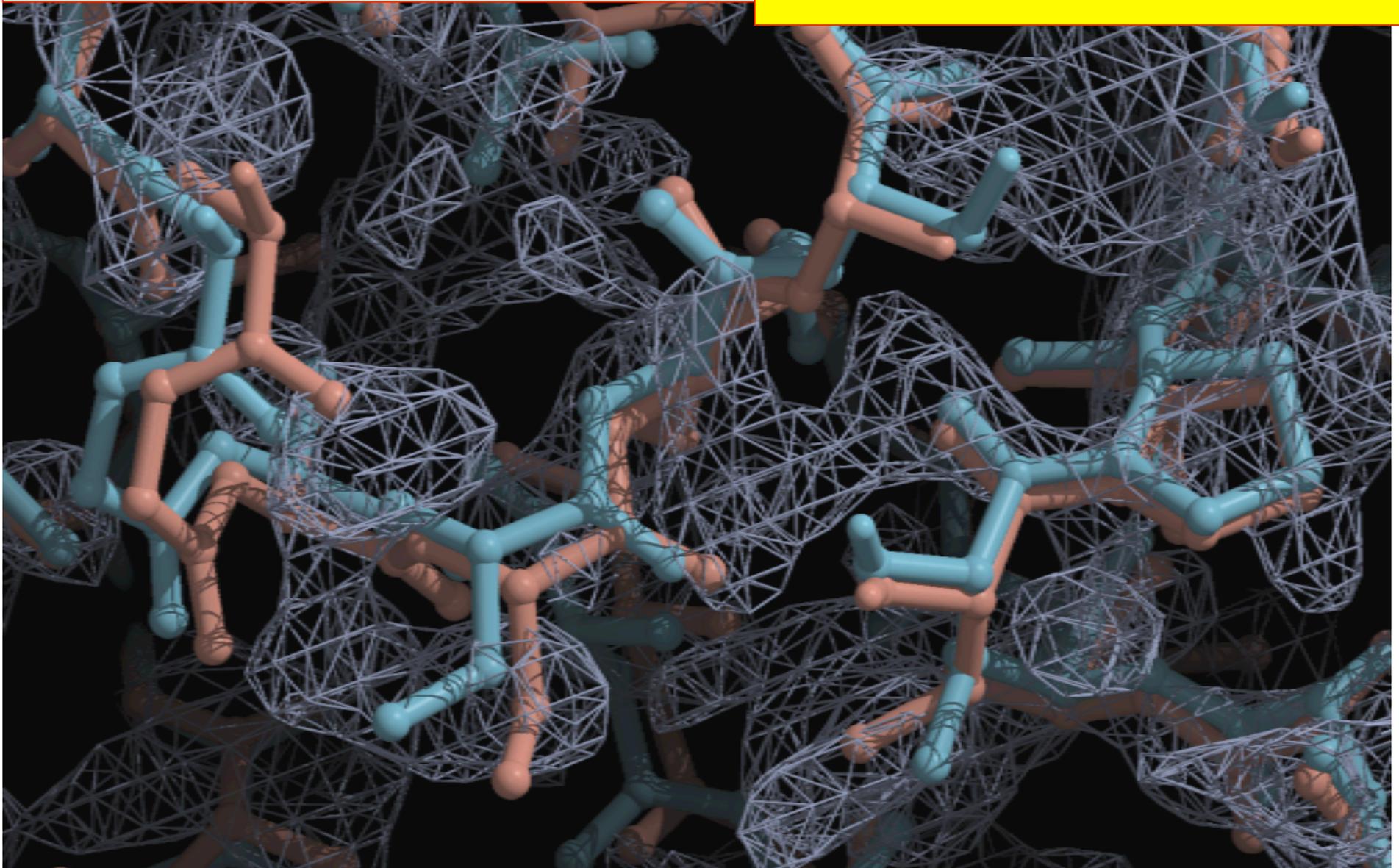
A challenging morphing problem:
How can we use this map to identify the shifts needed?

cab55342: final model green
3PIC (32% identity) in blue



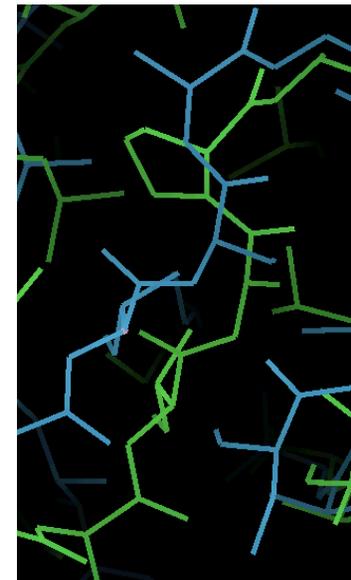
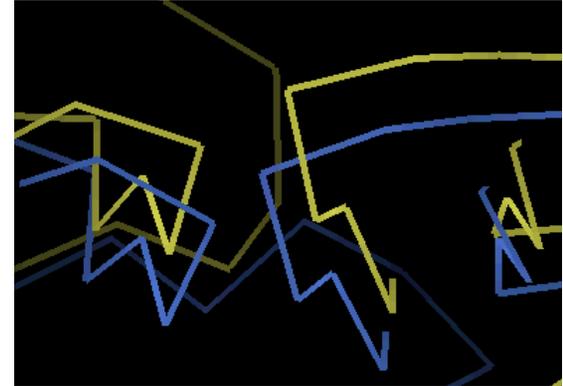
Standard refinement does not move the structure very much..

*cab55342:
3PIC (32% identity) in blue
Refined template in orange*



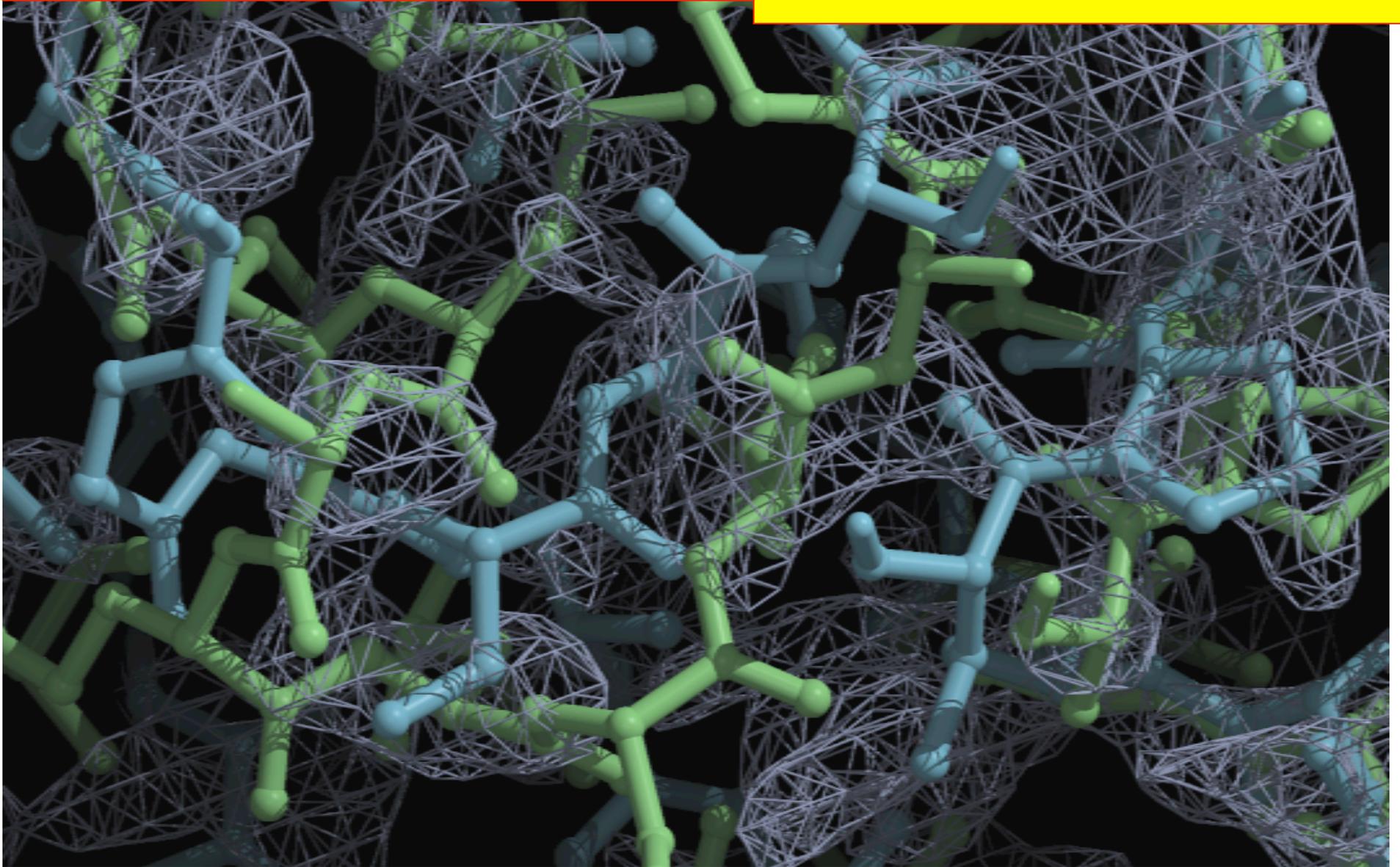
Steps in morphing

- A. Identify local translation to apply to one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms
- B. Smooth the local translations in window of 10 residues
- C. Apply the smoothed translation to all atoms in the residue



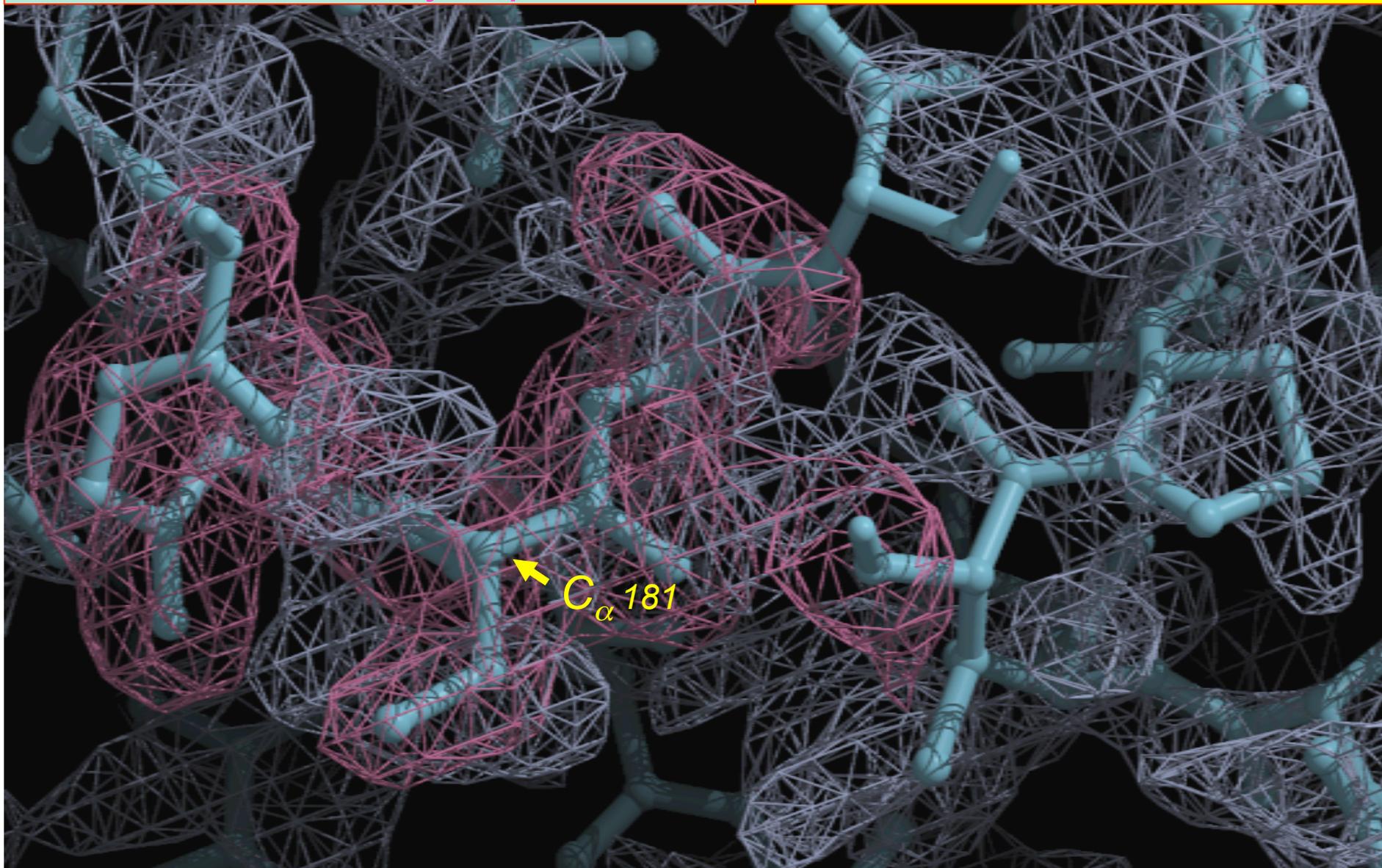
Identify local translation to apply to one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms

*cab55342: final model (green)
3PIC (32% identity, blue)
prime-and-switch map (blue)*



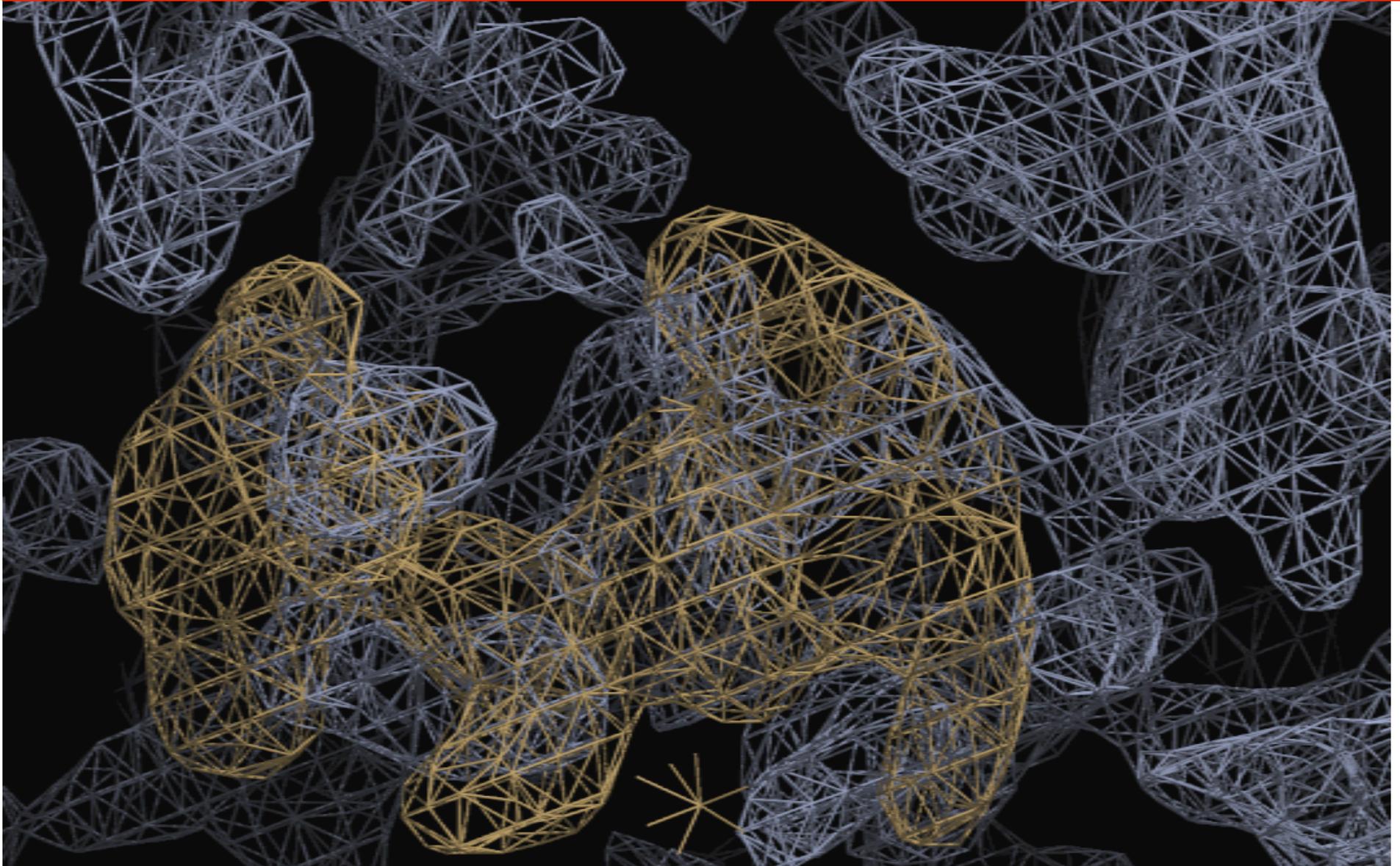
Identify local translation to apply to
one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms
Model density in pink

cab55342:
3PIC (32% identity, blue)



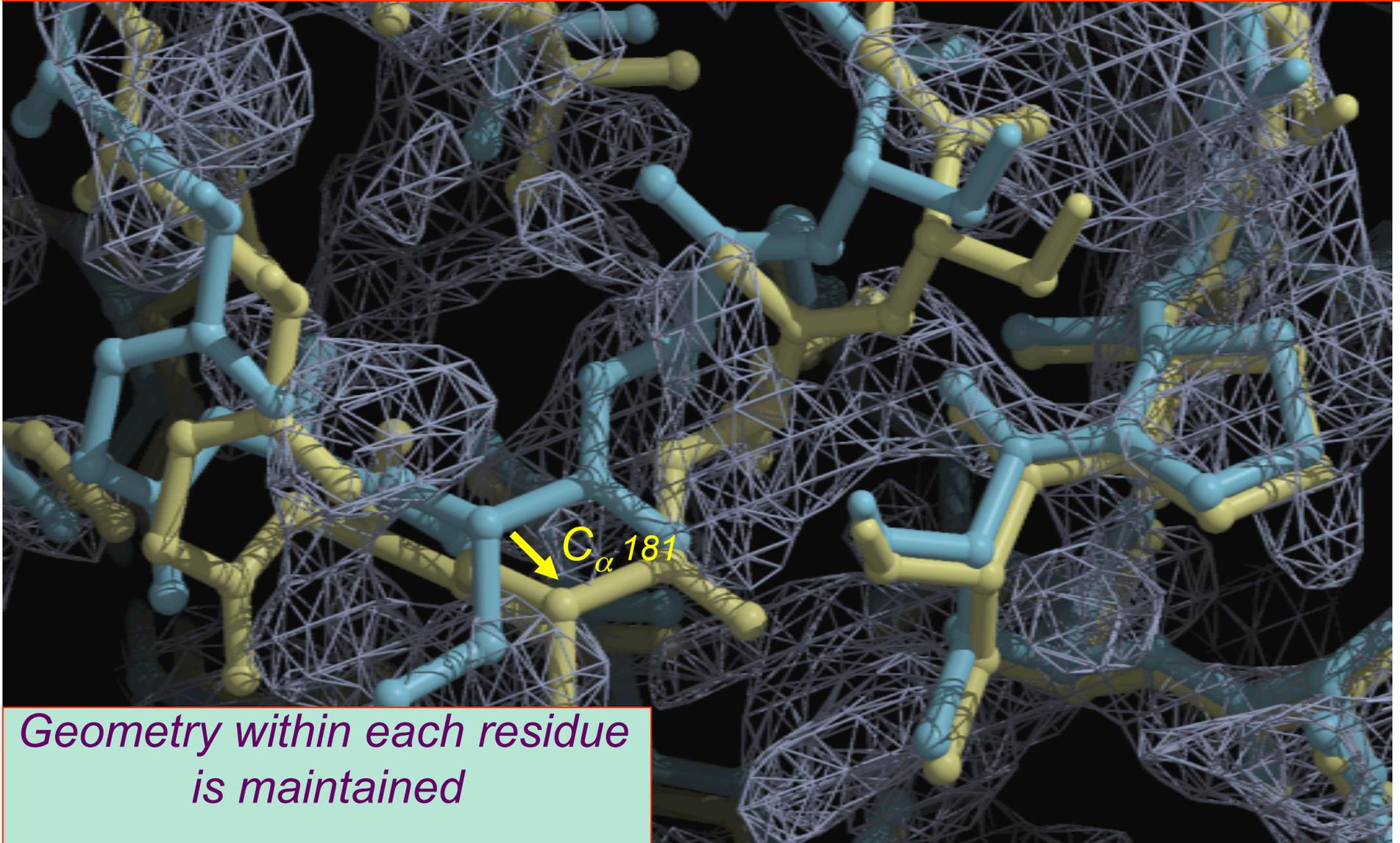
*Identify local translation to apply to
one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms
Model density offset to match map*

*cab55342:
3PIC (32% identity, blue)*



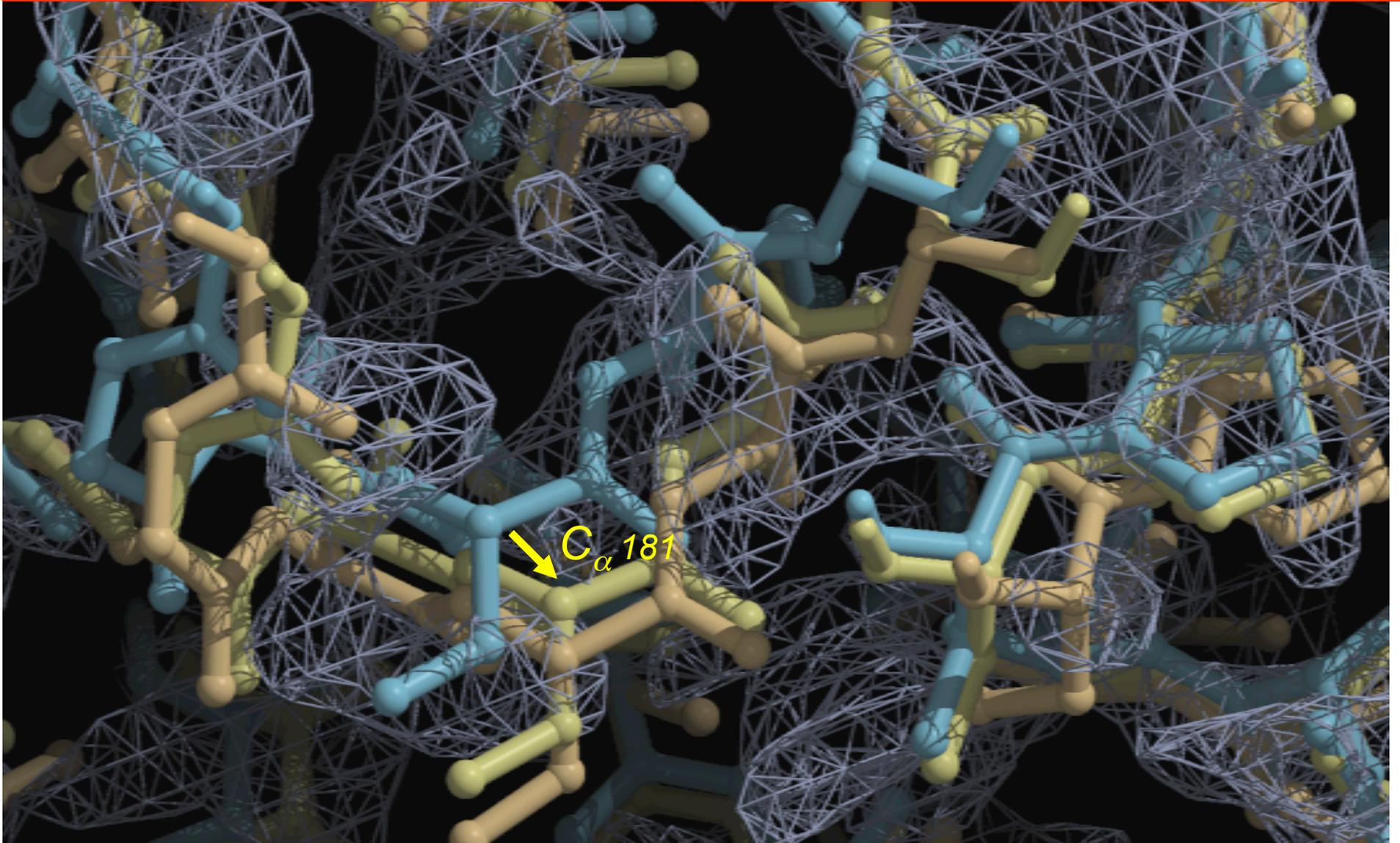
Smooth offset over nearby residues and apply to all atoms in the residue

*cab55342:
3PIC (32% identity, blue)
Morphed model (yellow)*



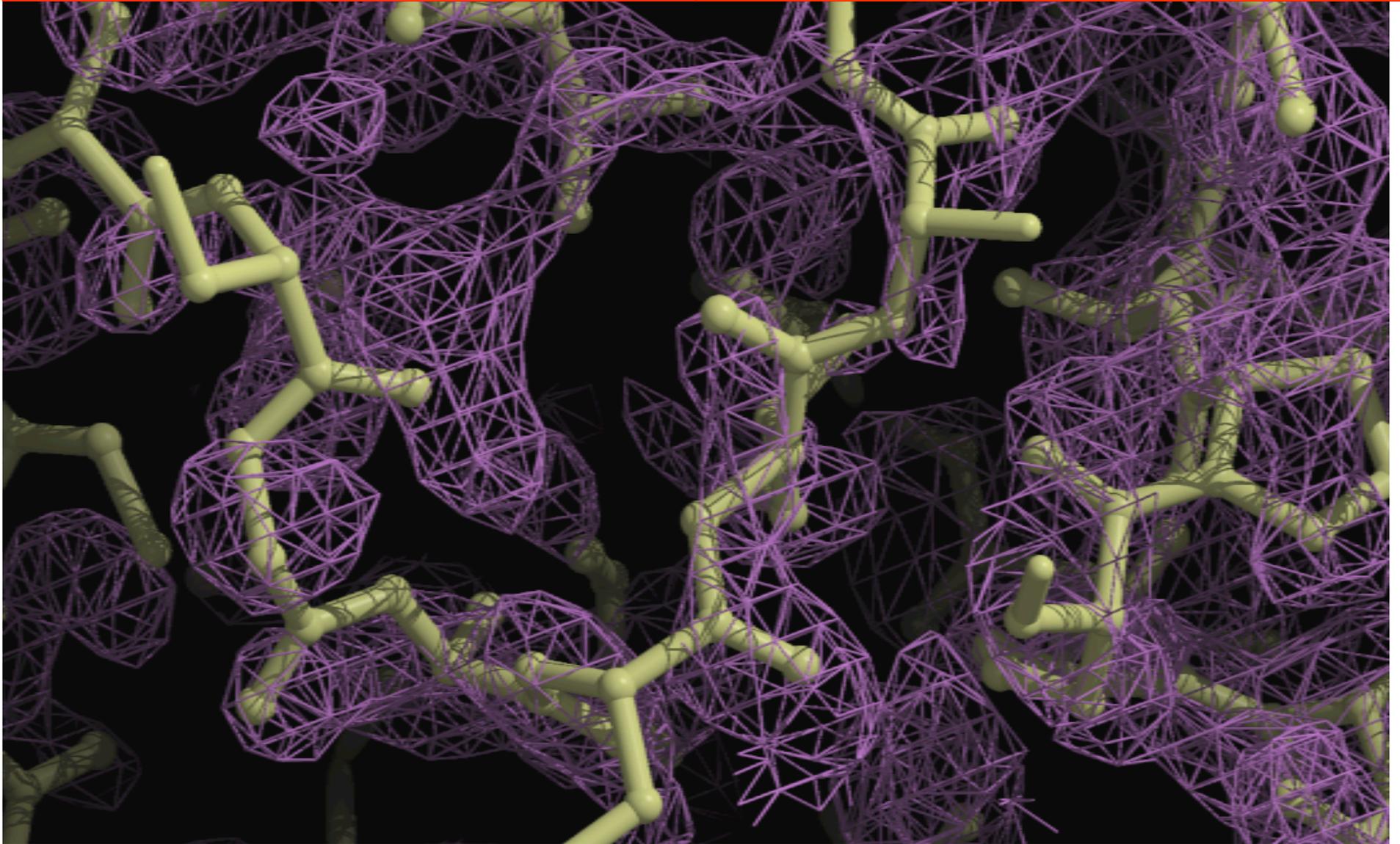
Refine morphed model

3PIC (32% identity) in blue
Morphed model (yellow)
Refined morphed model (orange)



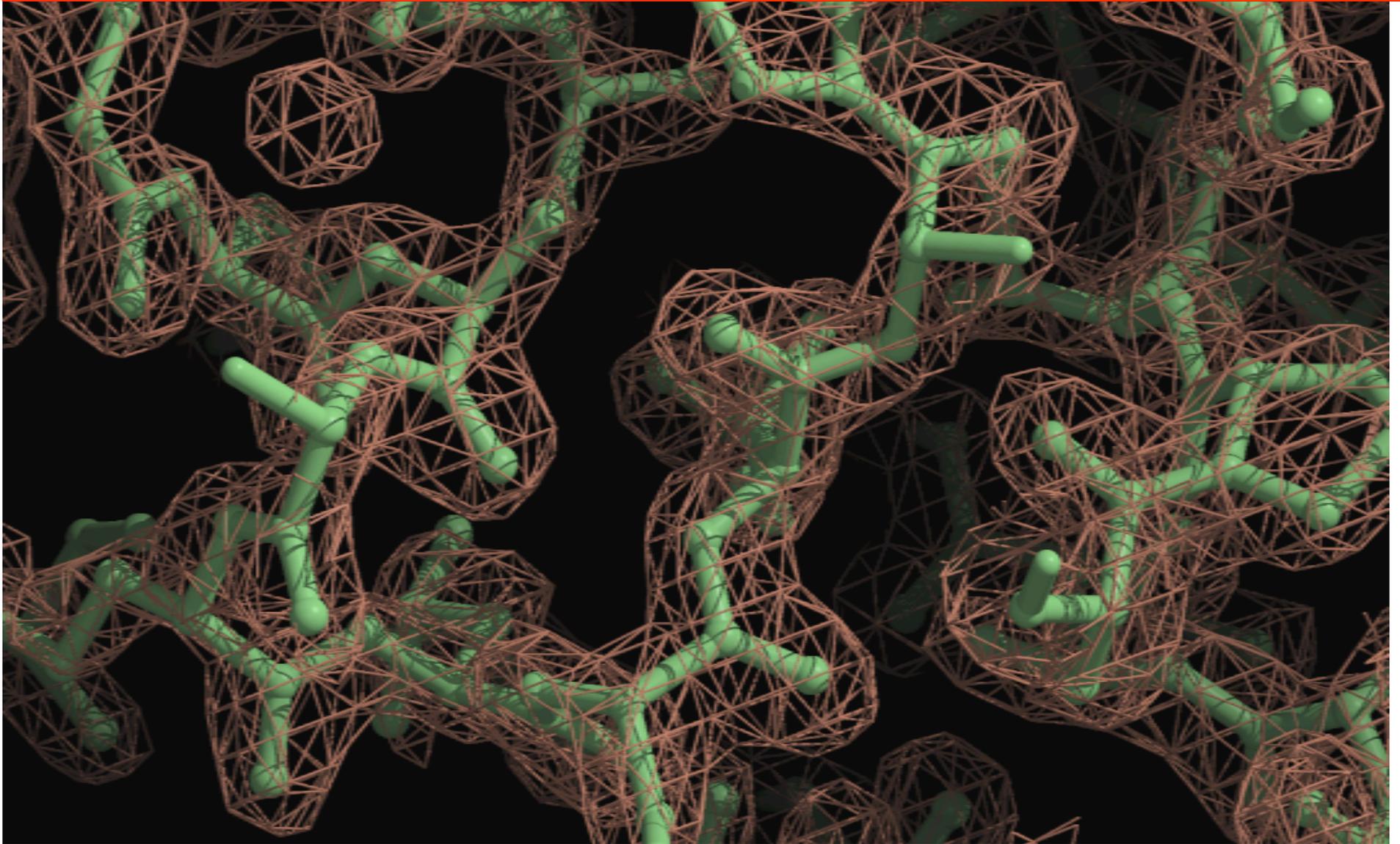
*Get new map
Repeat morphing 6 times...*

*3PIC (32% identity) blue
Refined morphed model (yellow)
prime-and-switch map (purple)*



*Autobuilding starting with
morphed model*

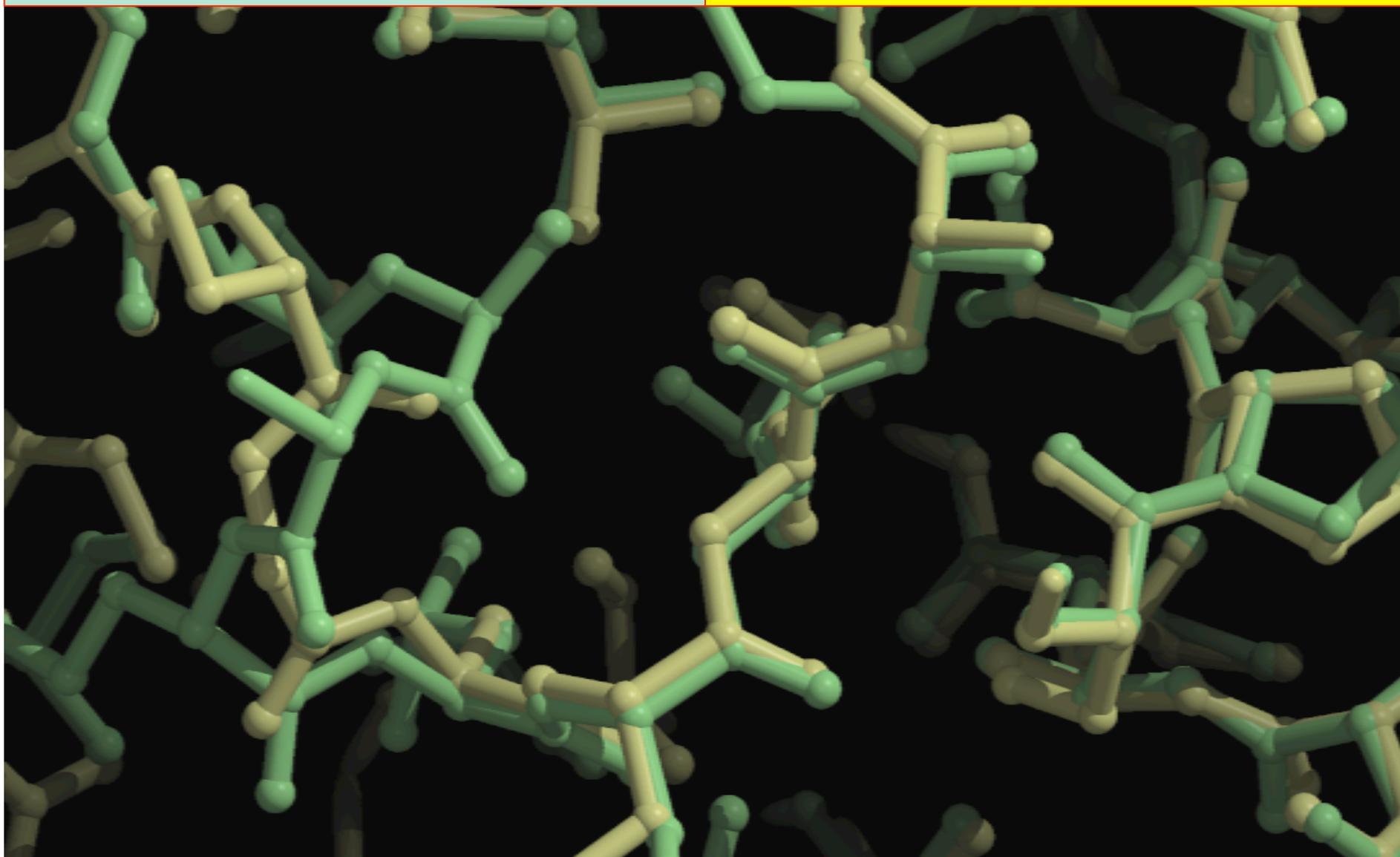
*cab55342
Autobuild model
Density-modified map*



*Autobuilding starting with
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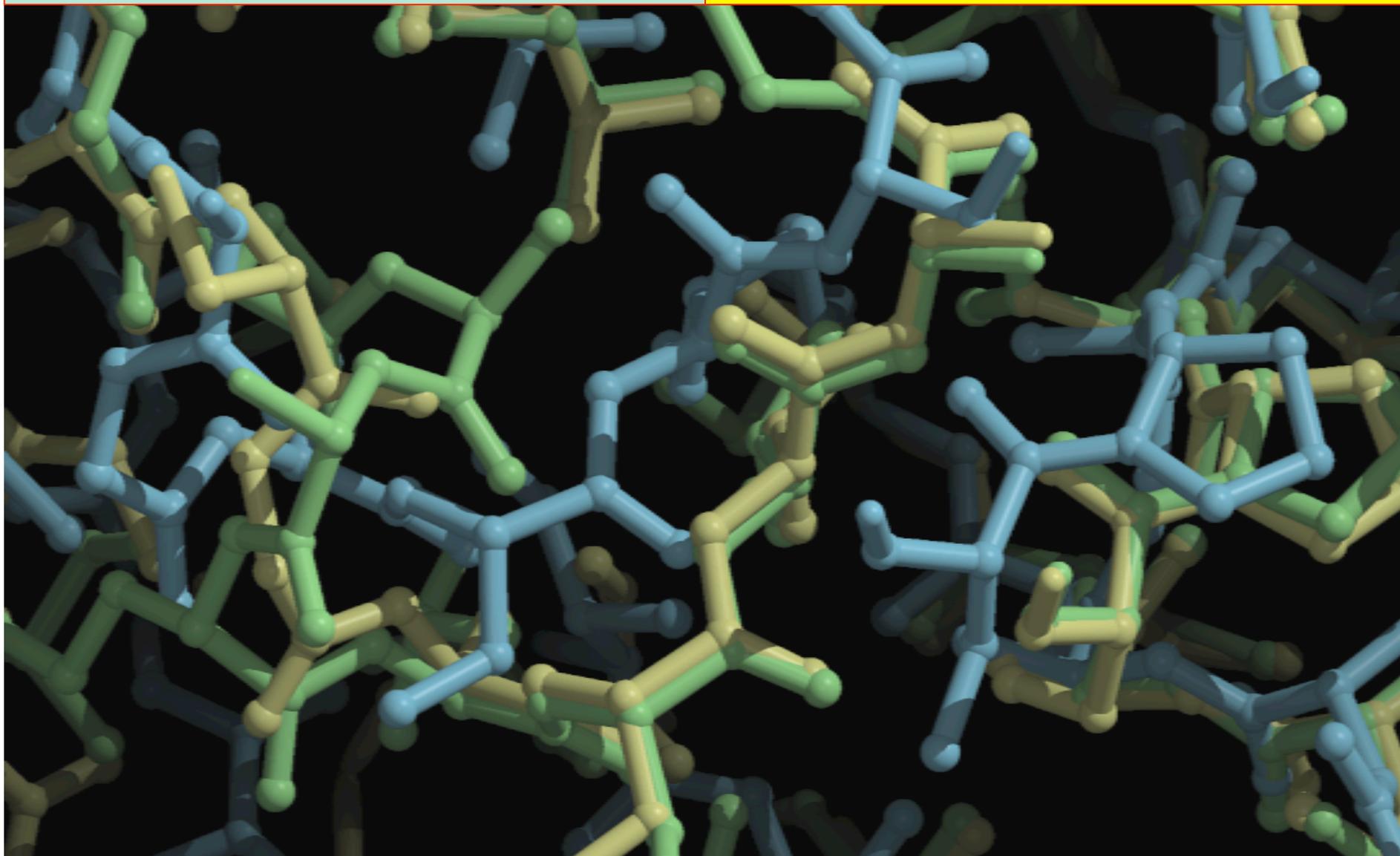
cab55342

*Morphed model (yellow)
Autobuild model (green)*



*Autobuilding cab55342 starting
with morphed model*

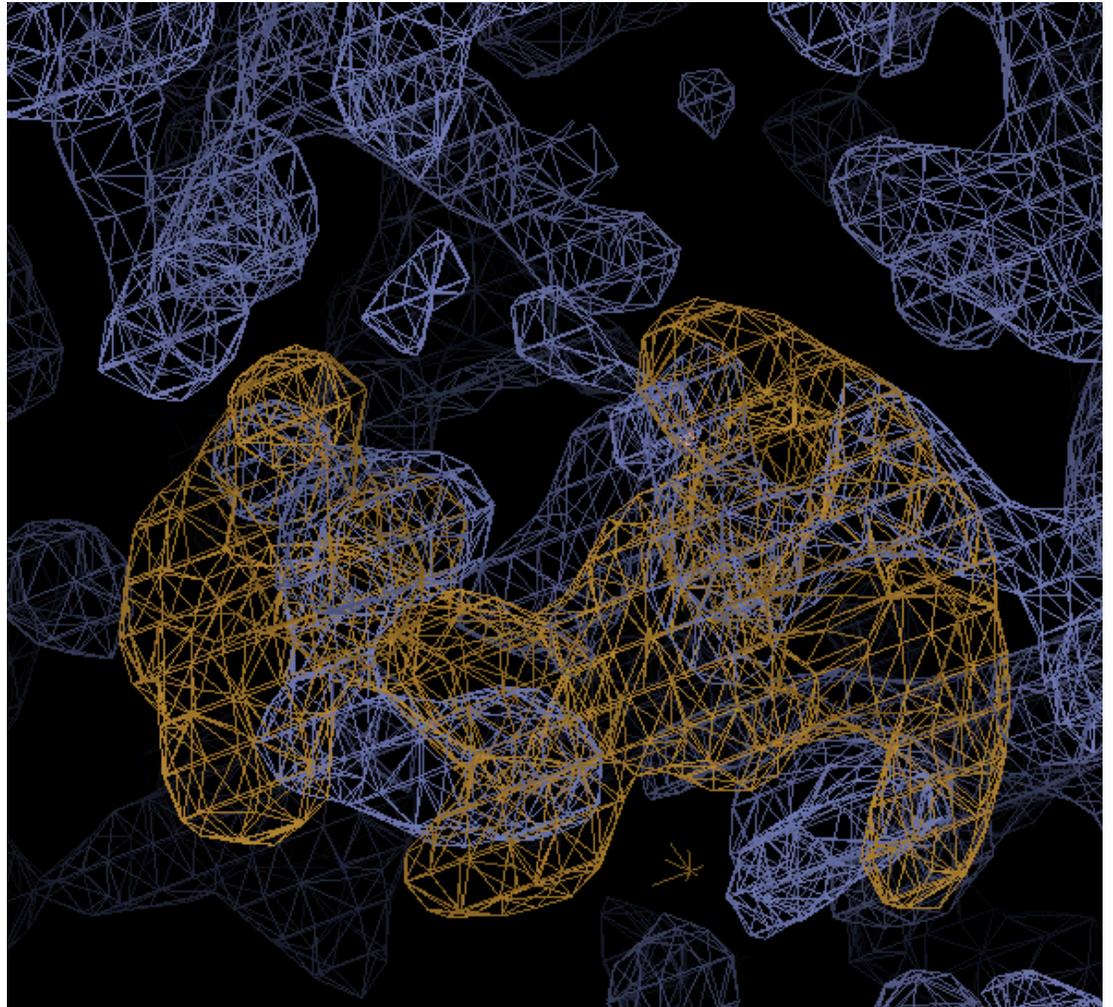
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Autobuild model (green)*



What is the best map for morphing?

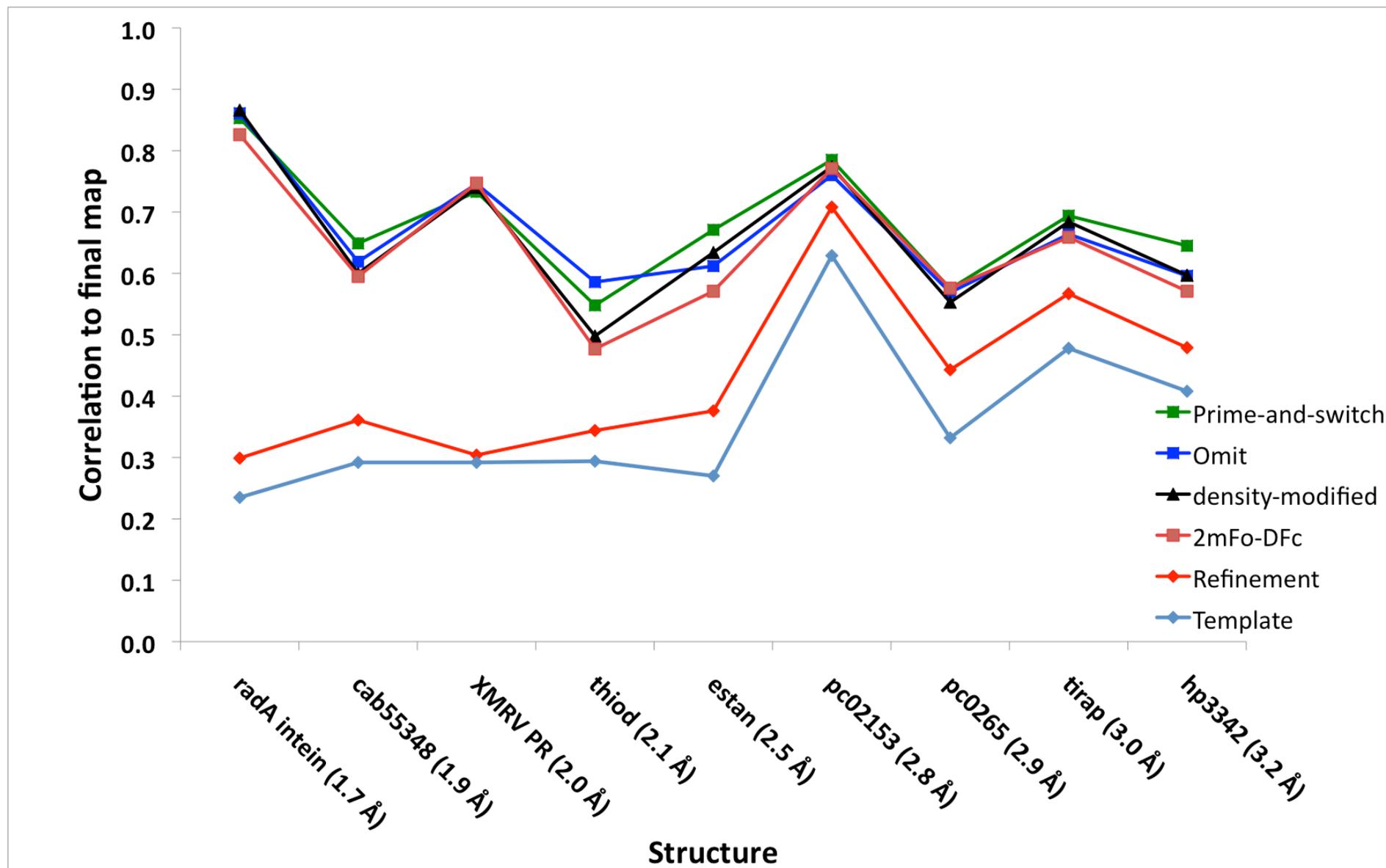
Test structures from DiMaio et al. (2011). *Improving molecular replacement by density and energy guided protein structure optimization.* *Nature* 473, 540-543.

(Structures that could be solved by AutoBuild excluded)

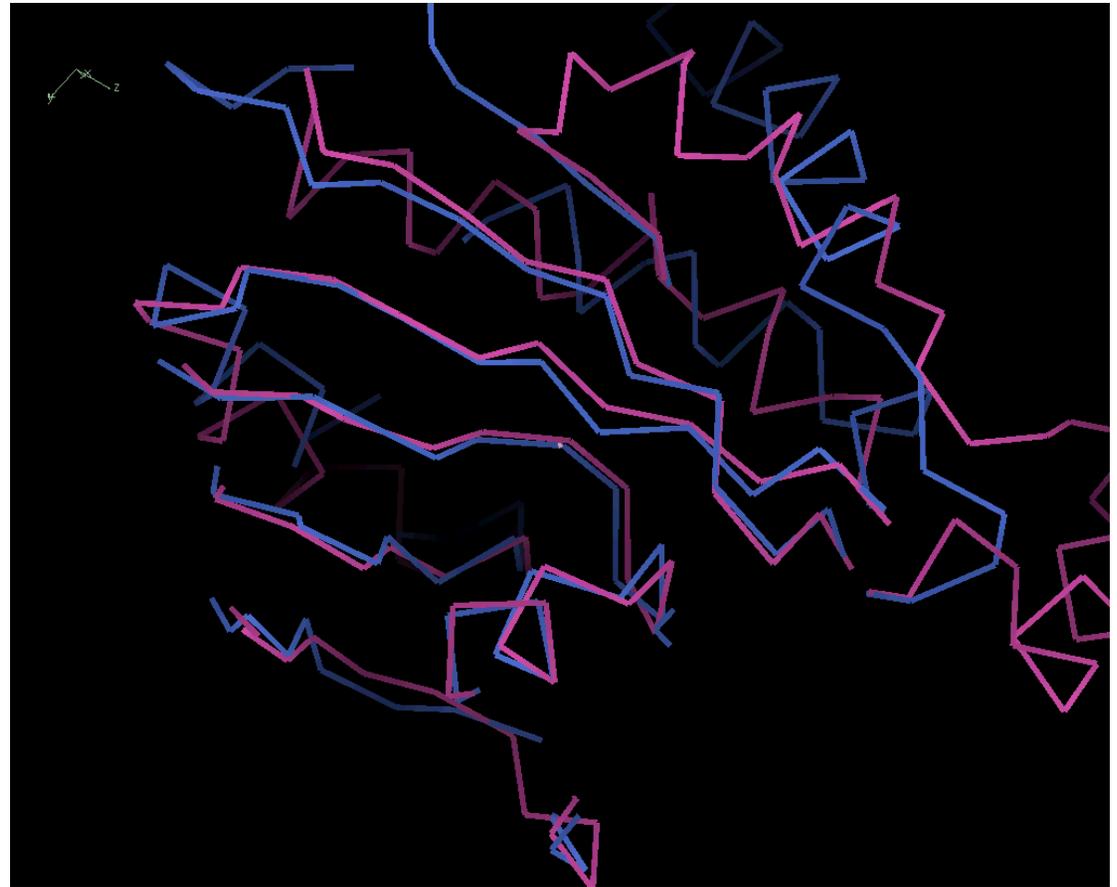


Which maps give the most useful morphing?

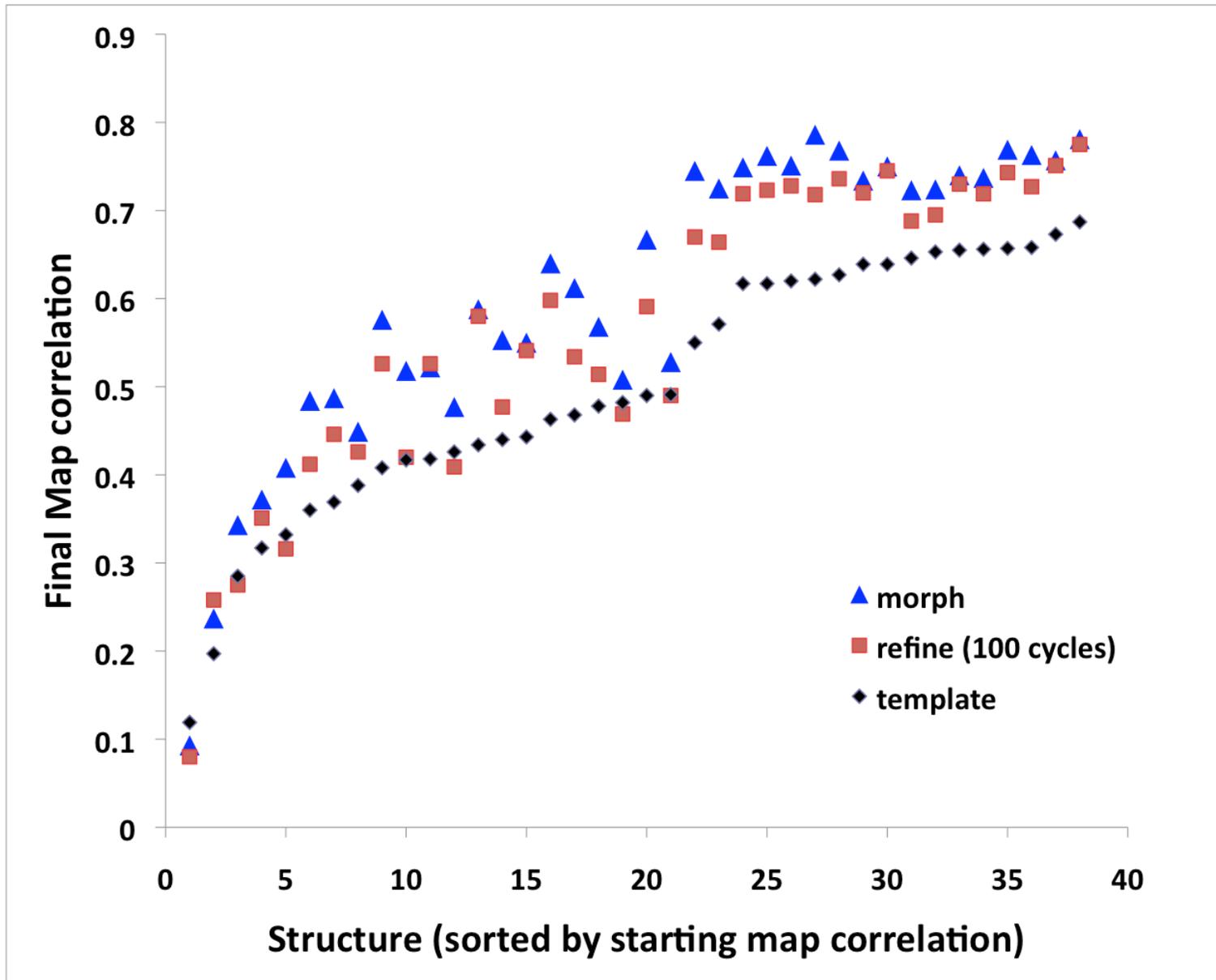
(Final map correlation after morphing using various maps)



Tests of morphing with
a series of templates
with varying similarity
to target structure

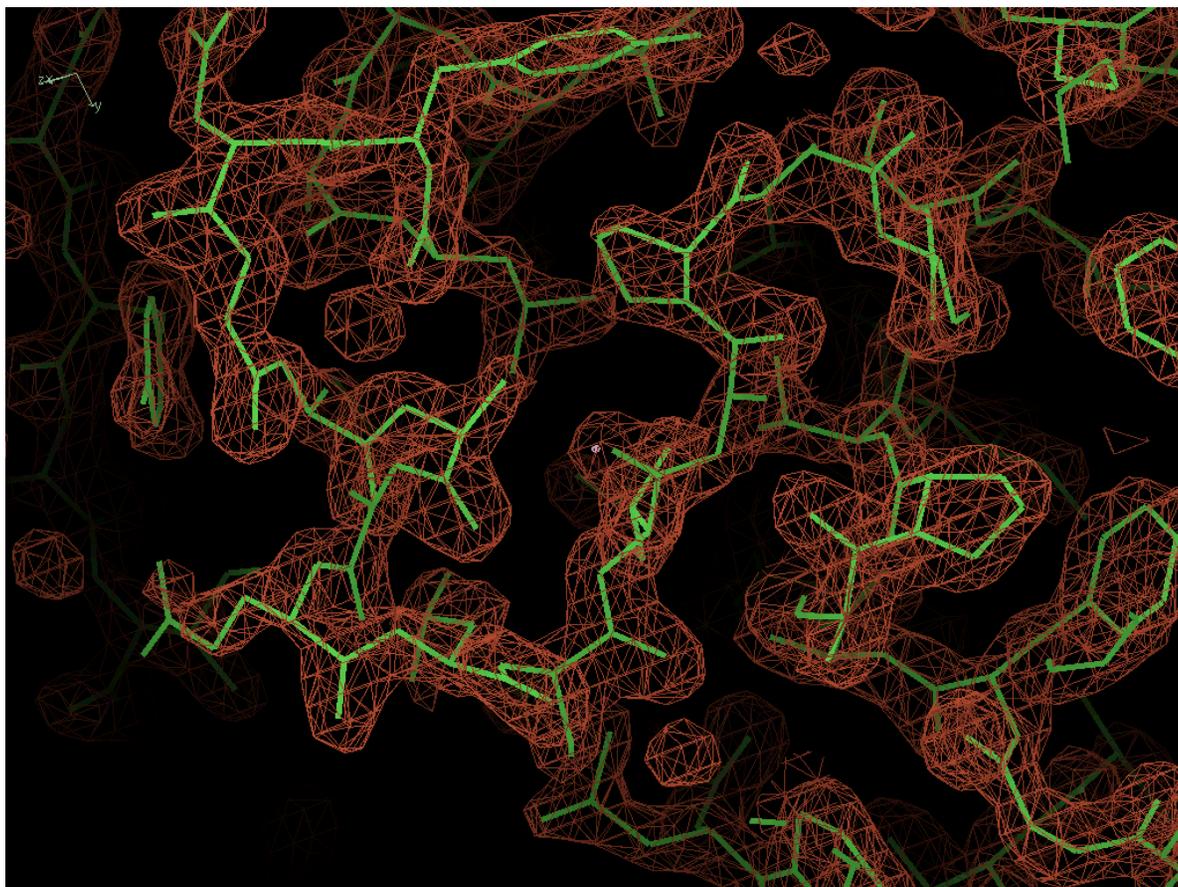


Morphing on a series of templates (1A2B; template sequence identity 7%-33%)

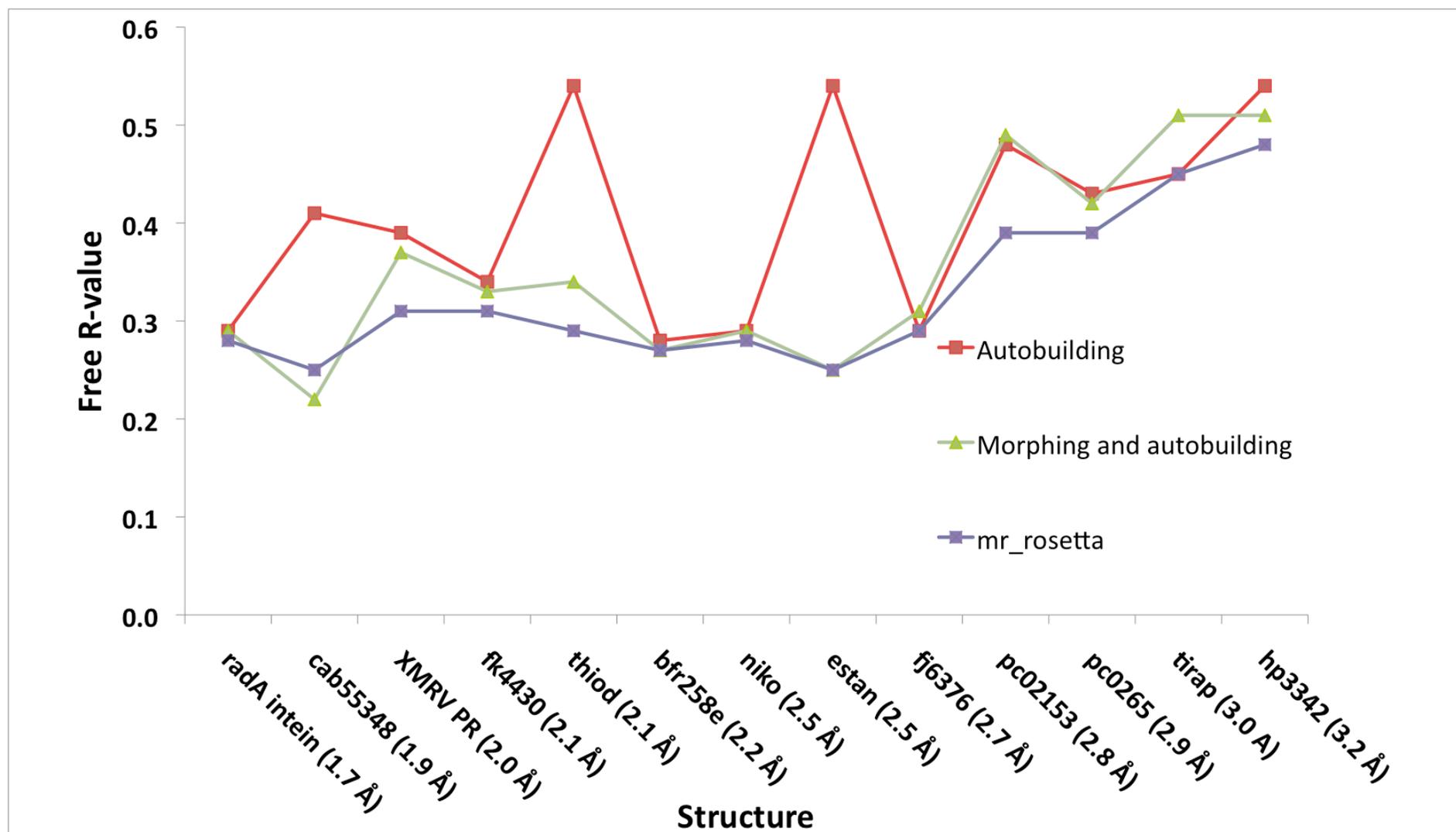


Tests of Autobuilding after morphing

Comparison with
phenix.mr_rosetta



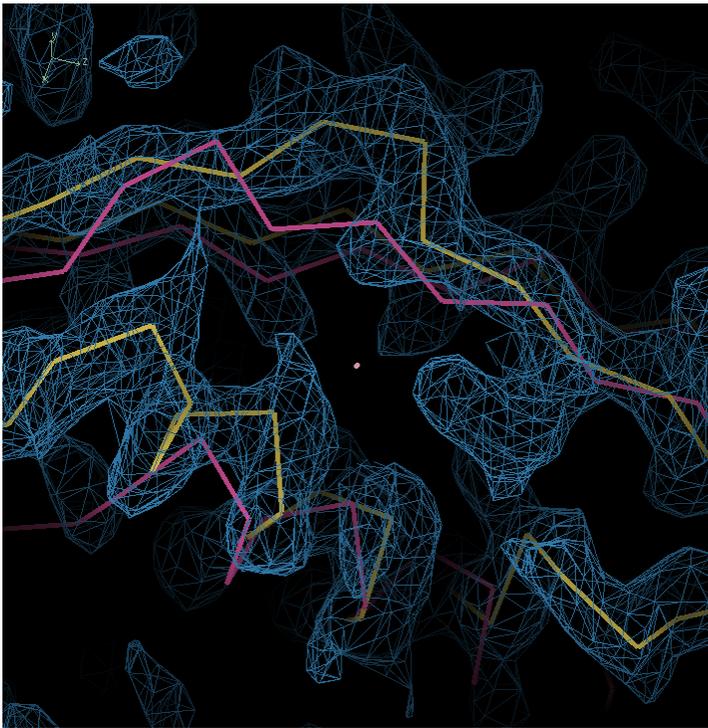
Morphing combined with autobuilding



Another MR problem:

A map at 3 Å or worse...

A homology model that fits the density in some places and not in others...



How do we decide what parts of the model to use?

How do we assign the sequence to the model?

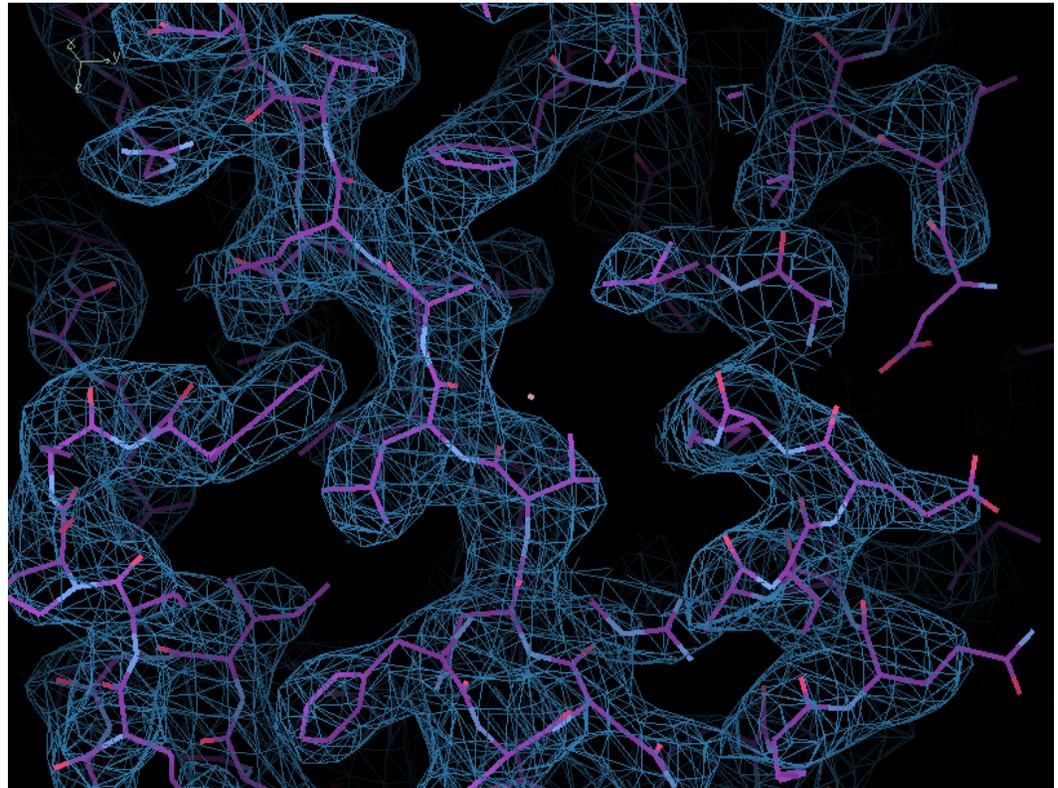
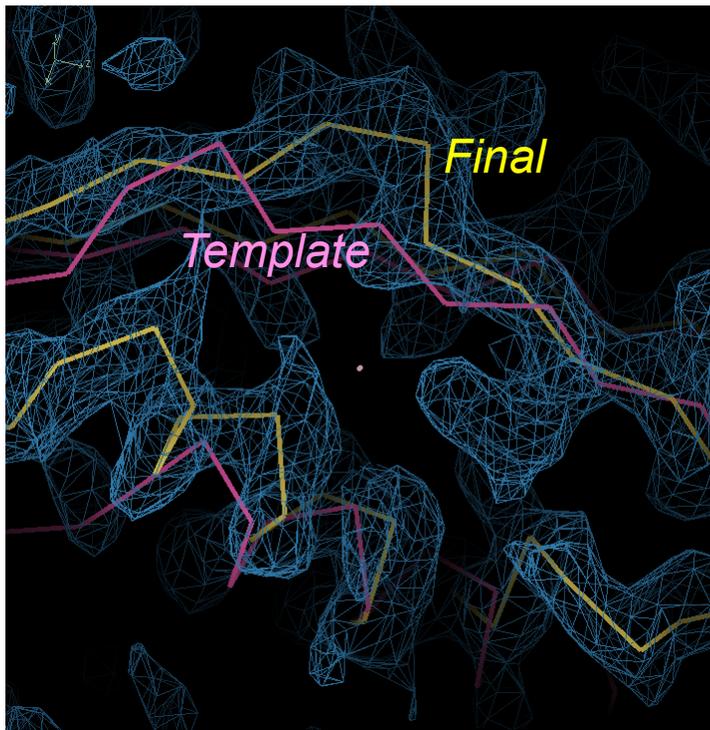
(making use of the connectivity of the template)

Cgl1109 (JCSG HP3342)

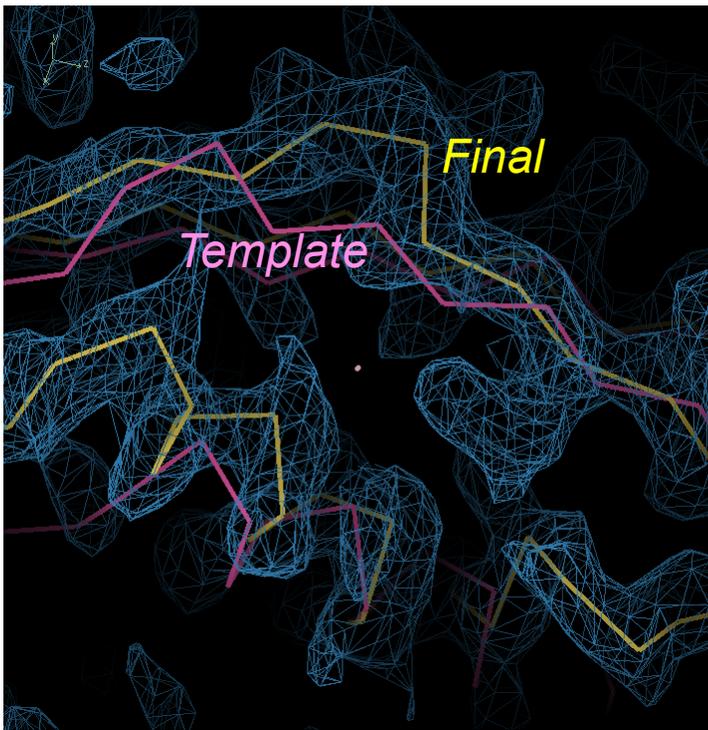
3.2 Å highly anisotropic data

Putative dapE from *C. glutamicum*, 267 residues

Structure solved by Axel Brunger using DEN/Phenix autobuild



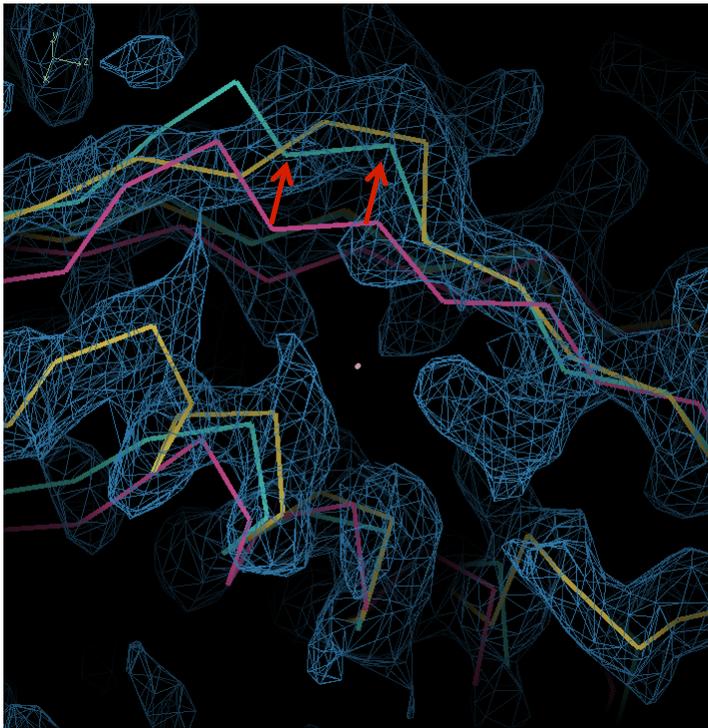
How do we decide what parts of the model to use?



*Morph model to optimally fit map
(maintaining connectivity of model)*

*Choose residues to delete based on local
fit to density map
(create map with autobuild)*

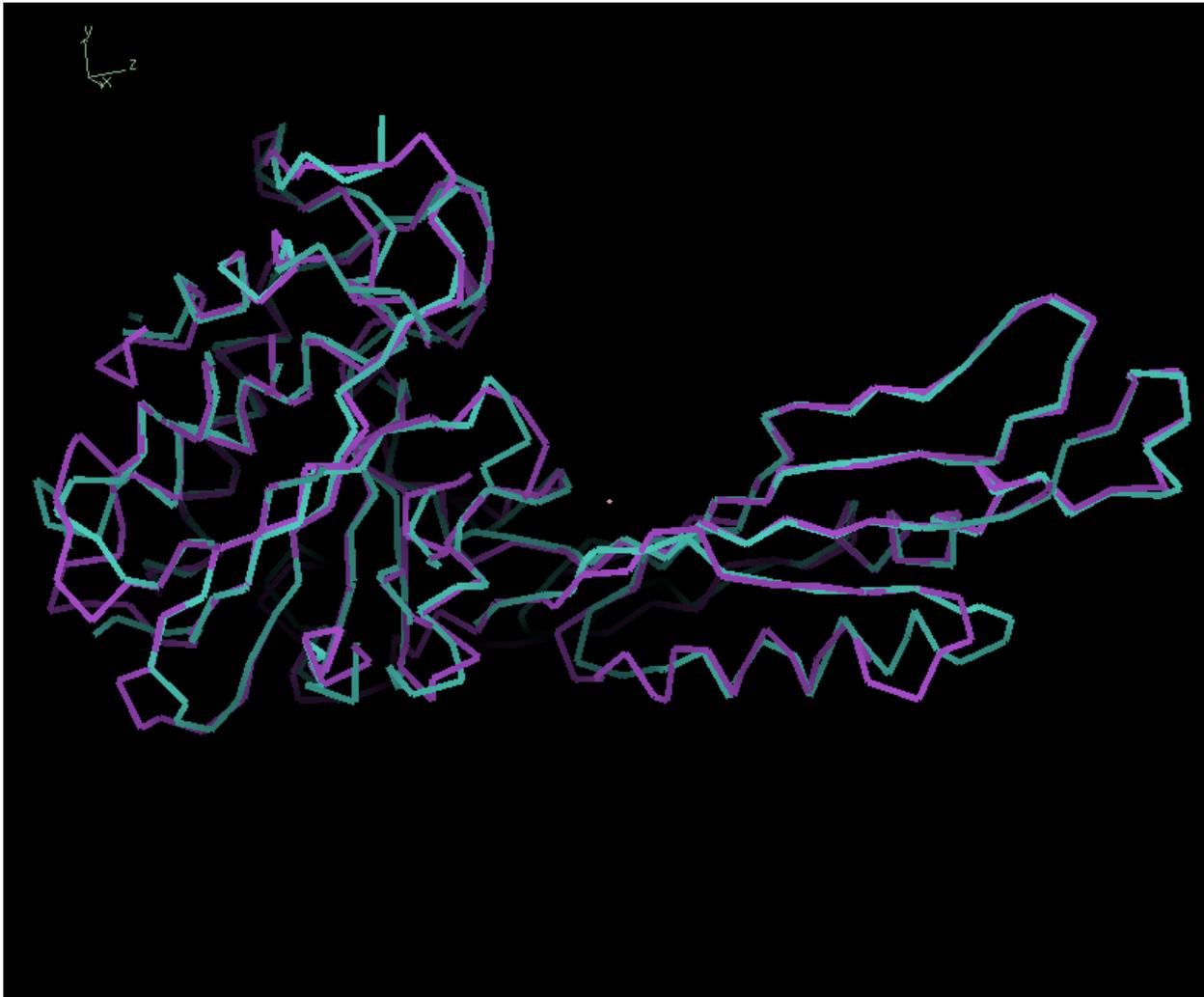
Morphing model to optimally fit map (maintaining connectivity of model)



Morph model by finding local distortions of model that improve fit to map

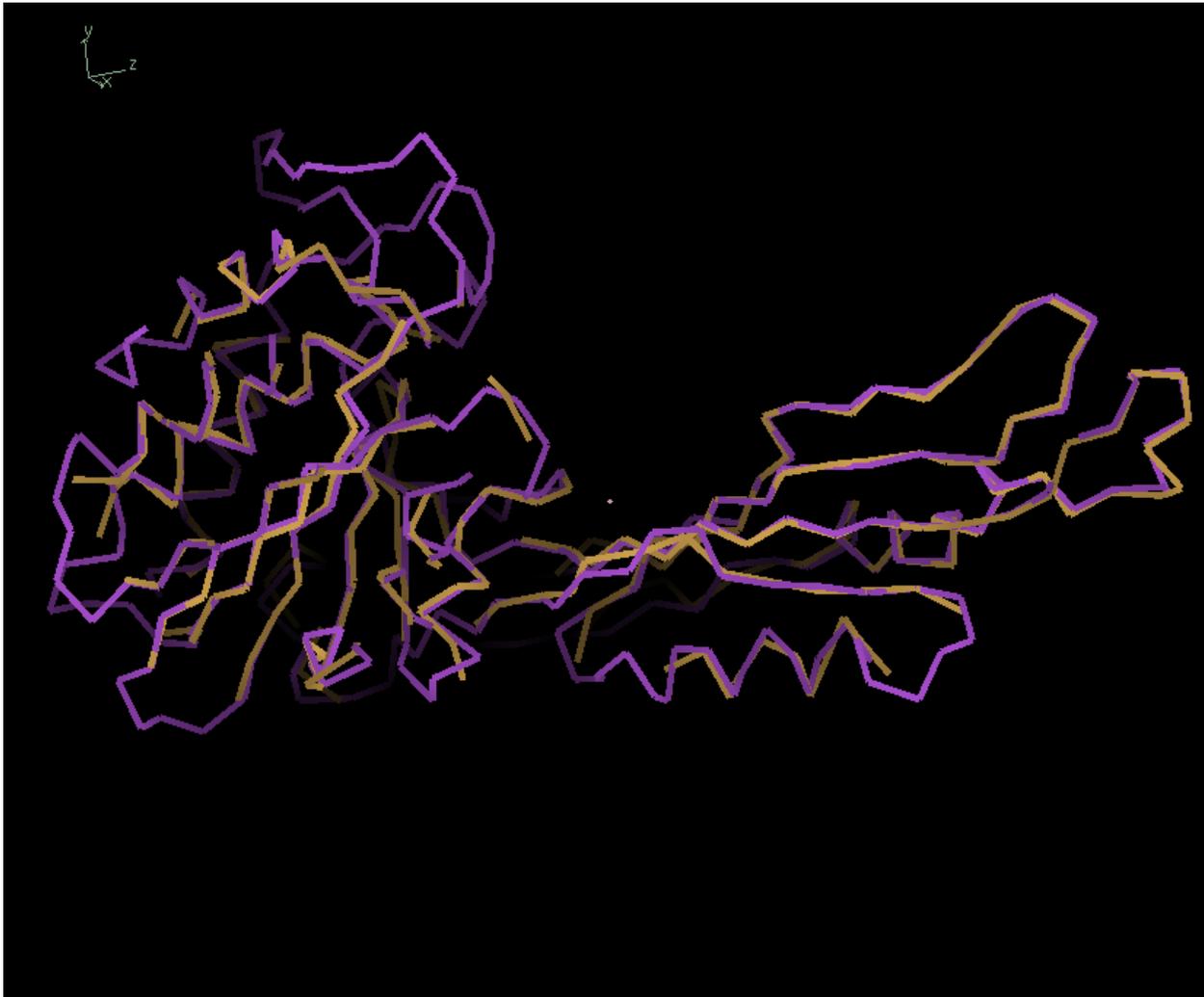
Create new map with autobuild starting from morphed model

Choose residues to delete based on fit to map (morphed and final models shown)



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phenix.autobuild  
data.mtz \  
morph.pdb \  
reject_weak=True \  
min_weak_z=0.2 \  
min_cc=0.4
```

Choose residues to delete based on fit to map (trimmed morphed model shown)



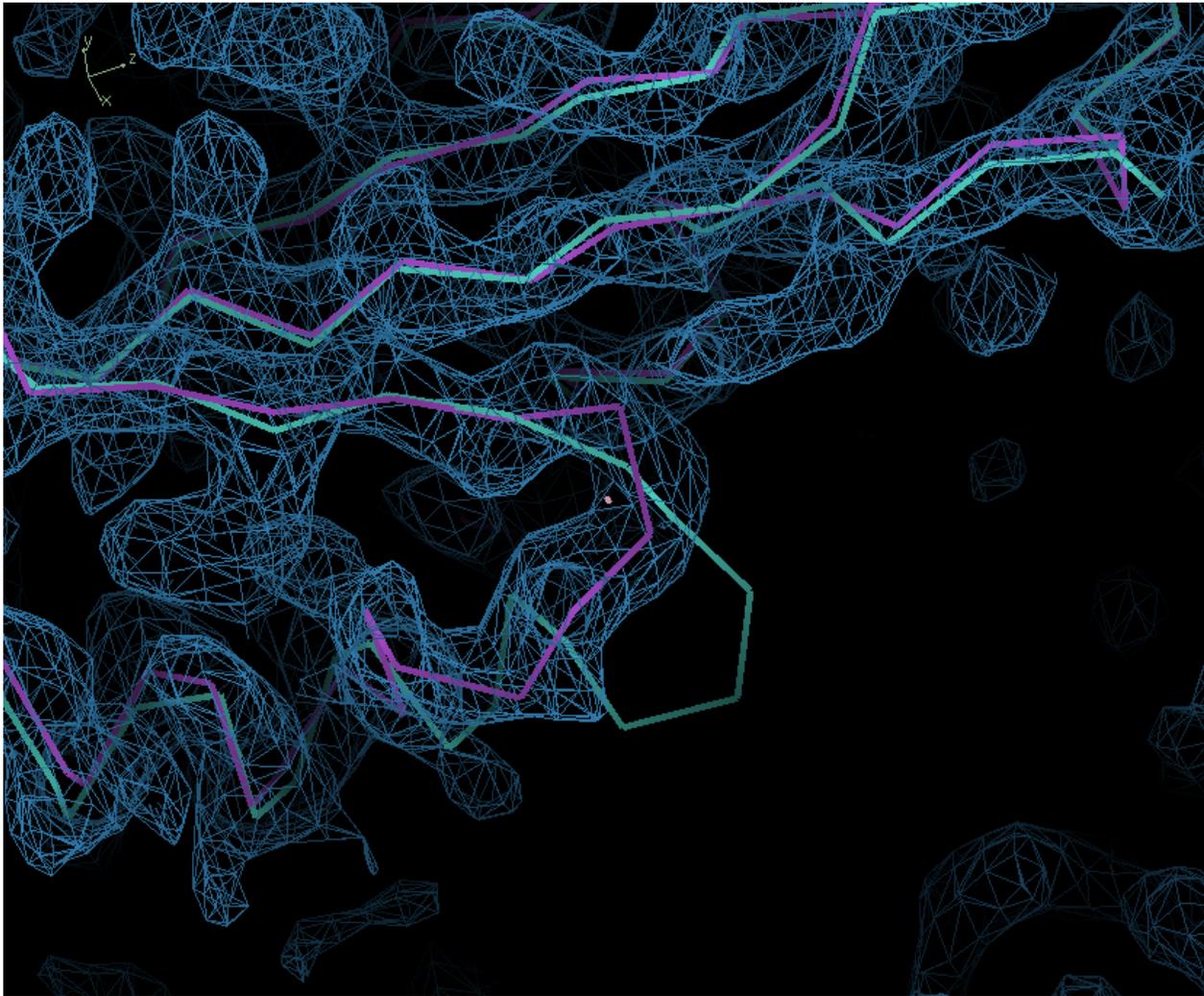
Remove if:

$$CC < 0.4 \text{ or } \rho < \rho_{\text{main}} - 0.2\sigma_{\text{main}}$$

*80/352 residues
deleted*

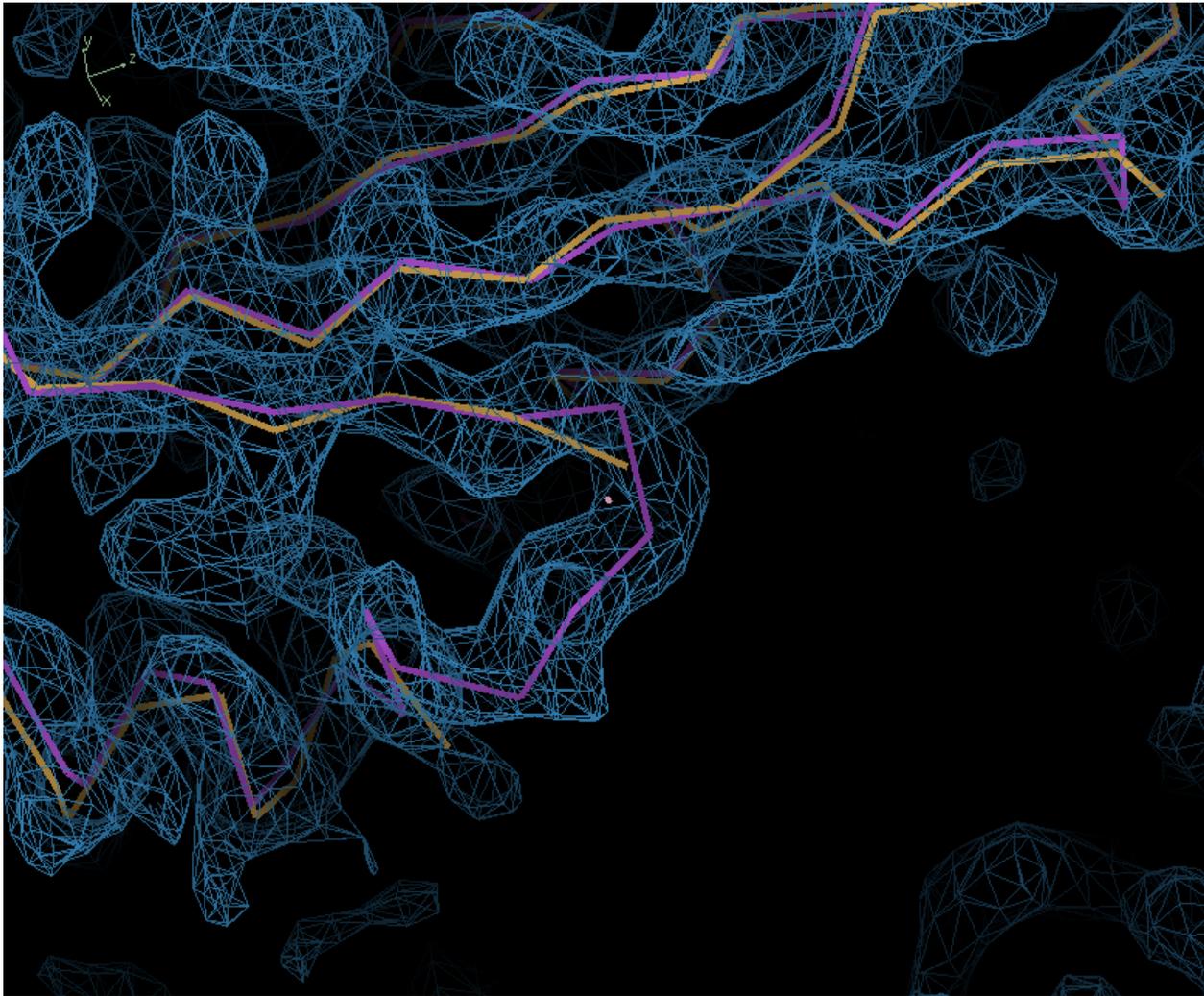
*Remaining residues
very close to final
model*

Choose residues to delete based
on fit to map (closer view)



```
phenix.autobuild  
data.mtz \  
morph.pdb \  
reject_weak=True \  
min_weak_z=0.2 \  
min_cc=0.4
```

Choose residues to delete based on fit to map (closer view)

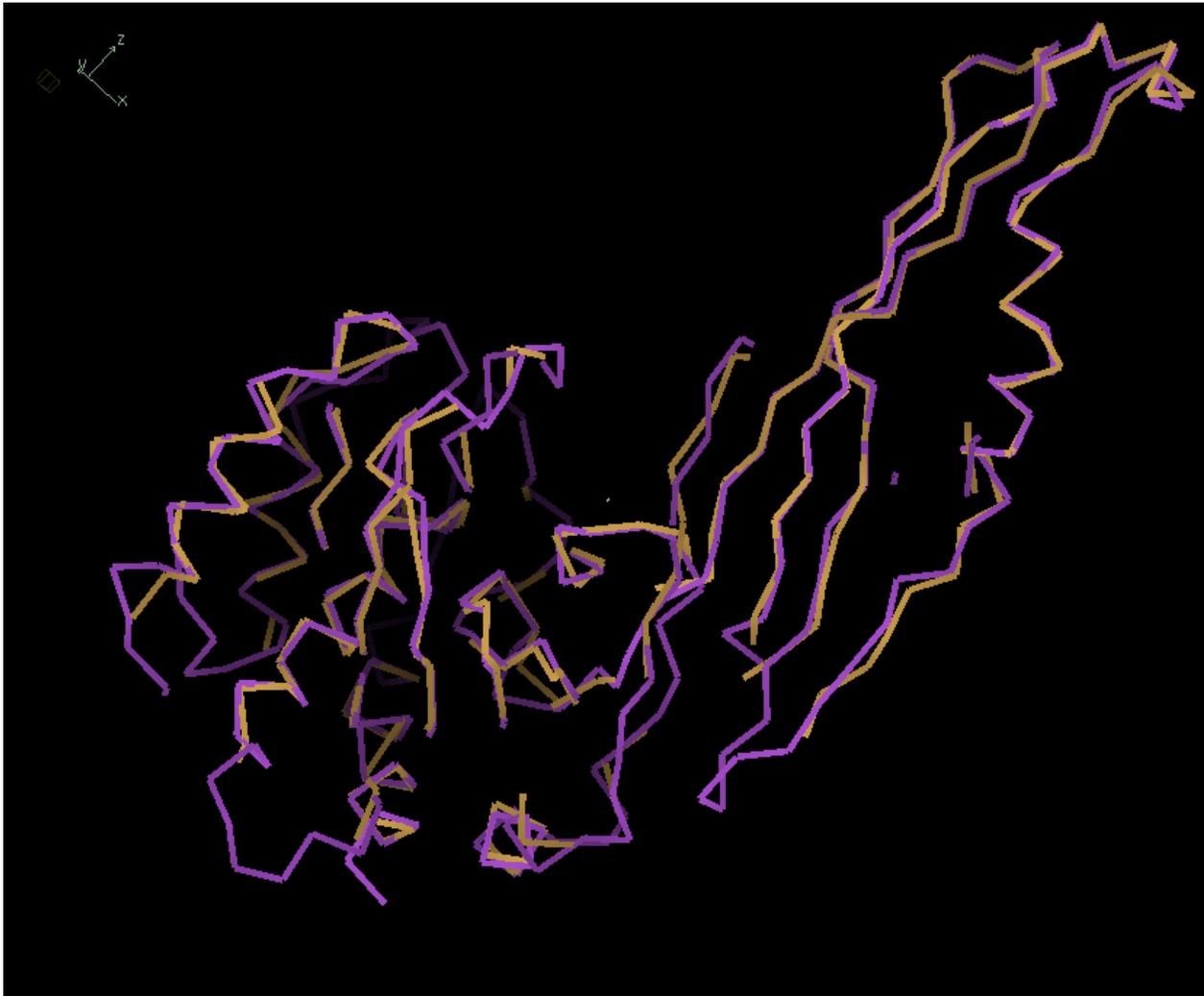


Remove if:

$$CC < 0.4 \text{ or} \\ \rho < 0.5 * \rho_{\text{main}} + \\ 0.2 \sigma_{\text{main}}$$

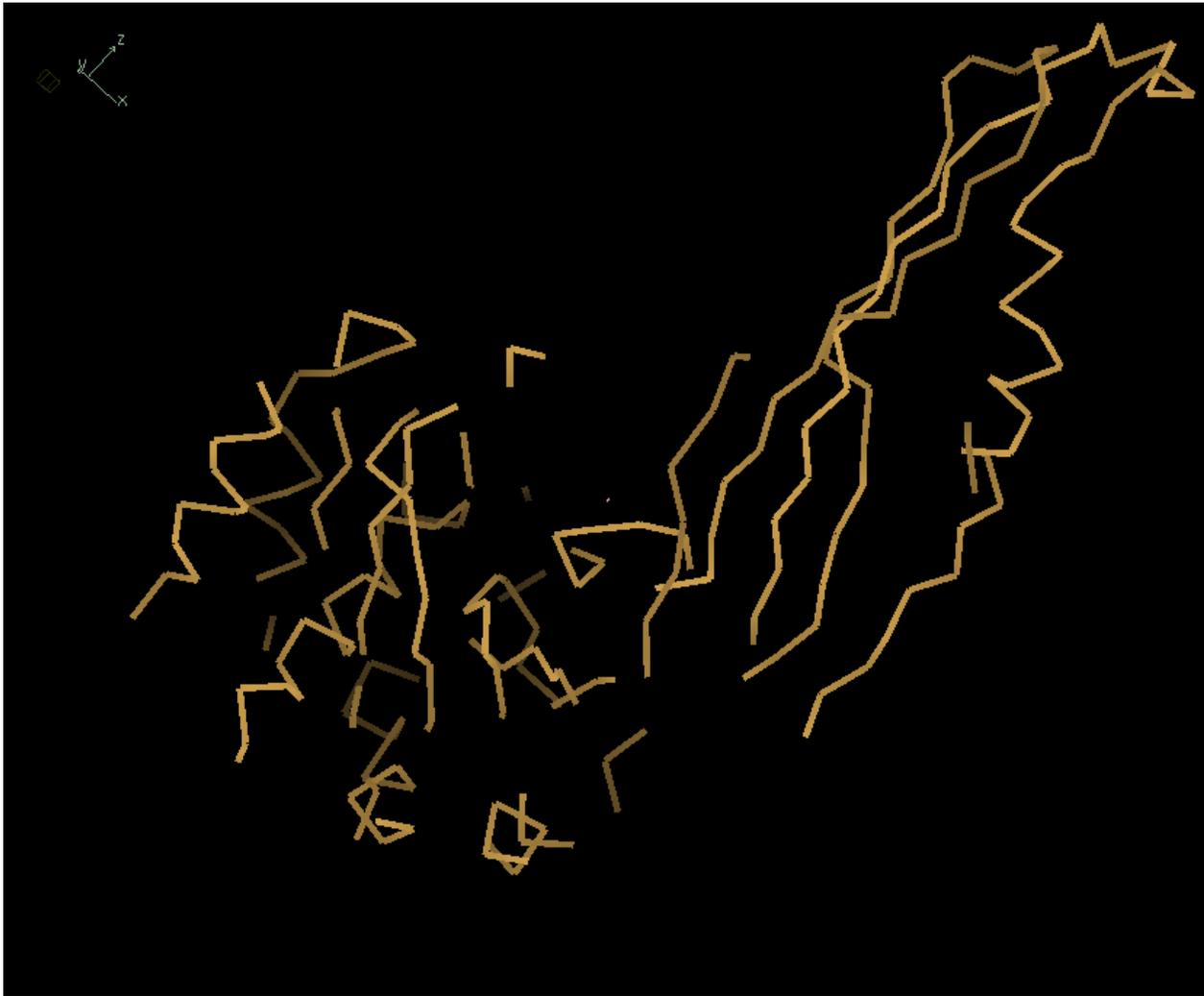
*80/352 residues
deleted*

Trimmed model



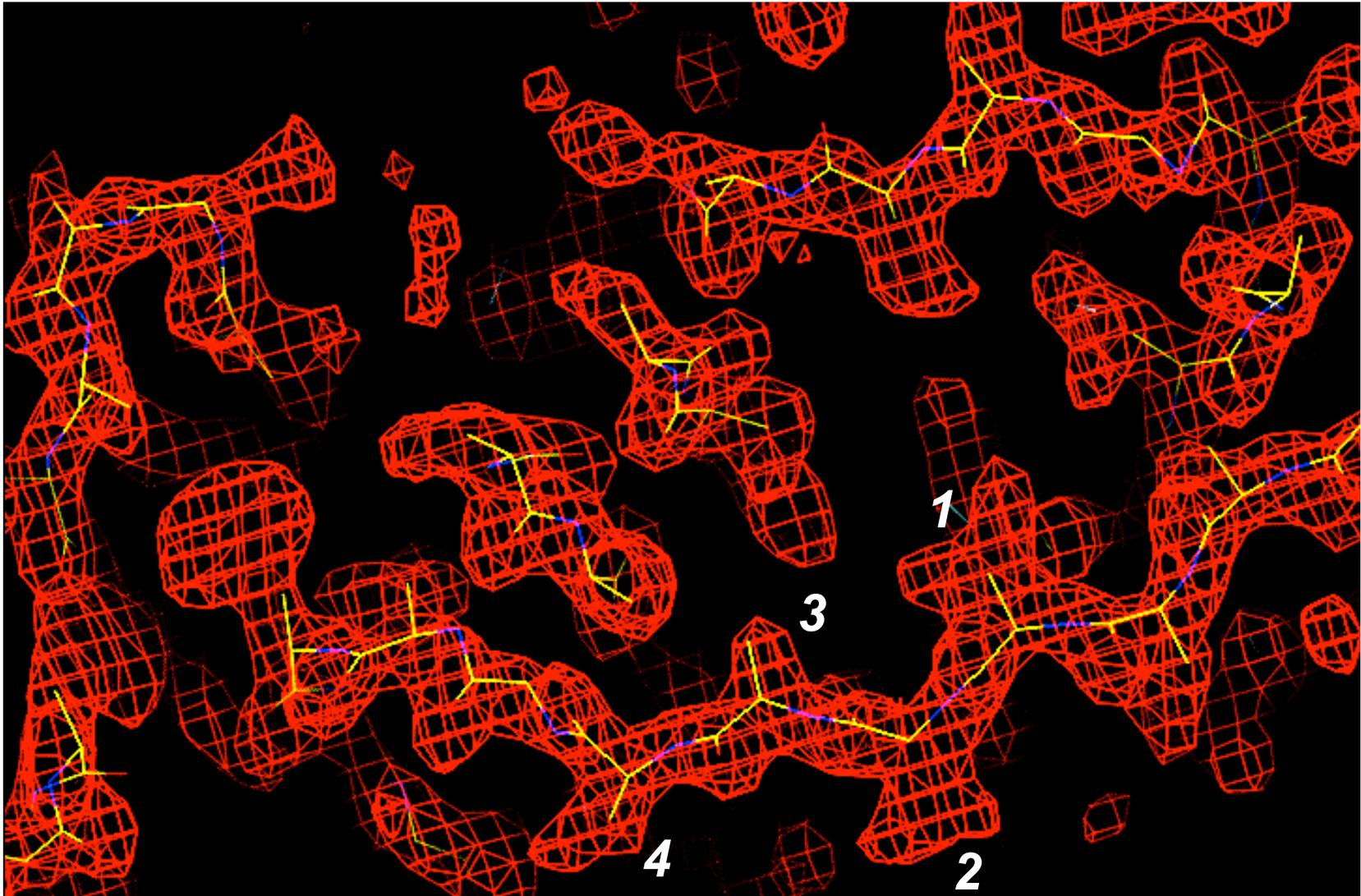
Trimmed model is very close to final model...

Trimmed model

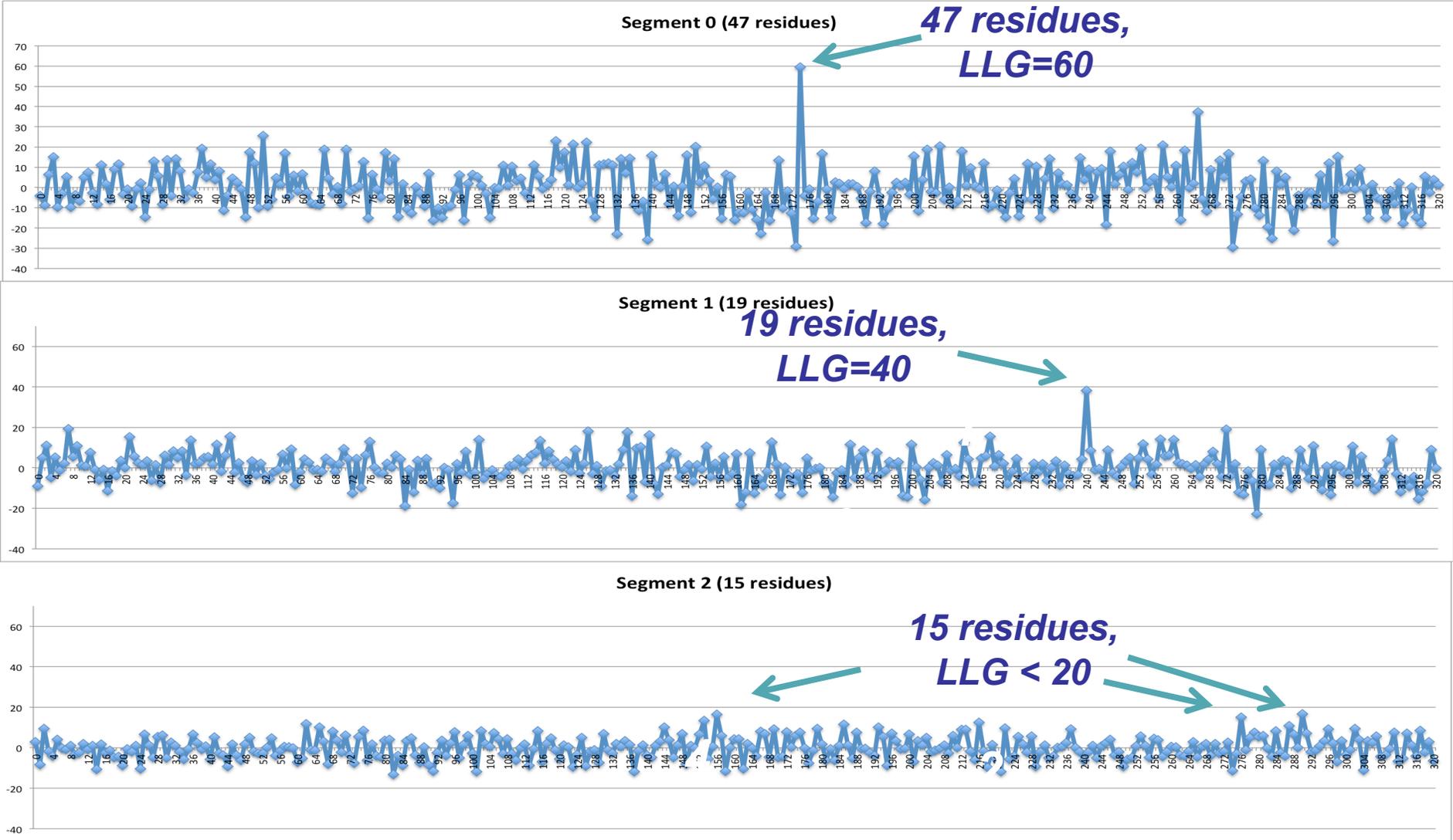


...but sequence is not aligned...and connectivity is no longer obvious

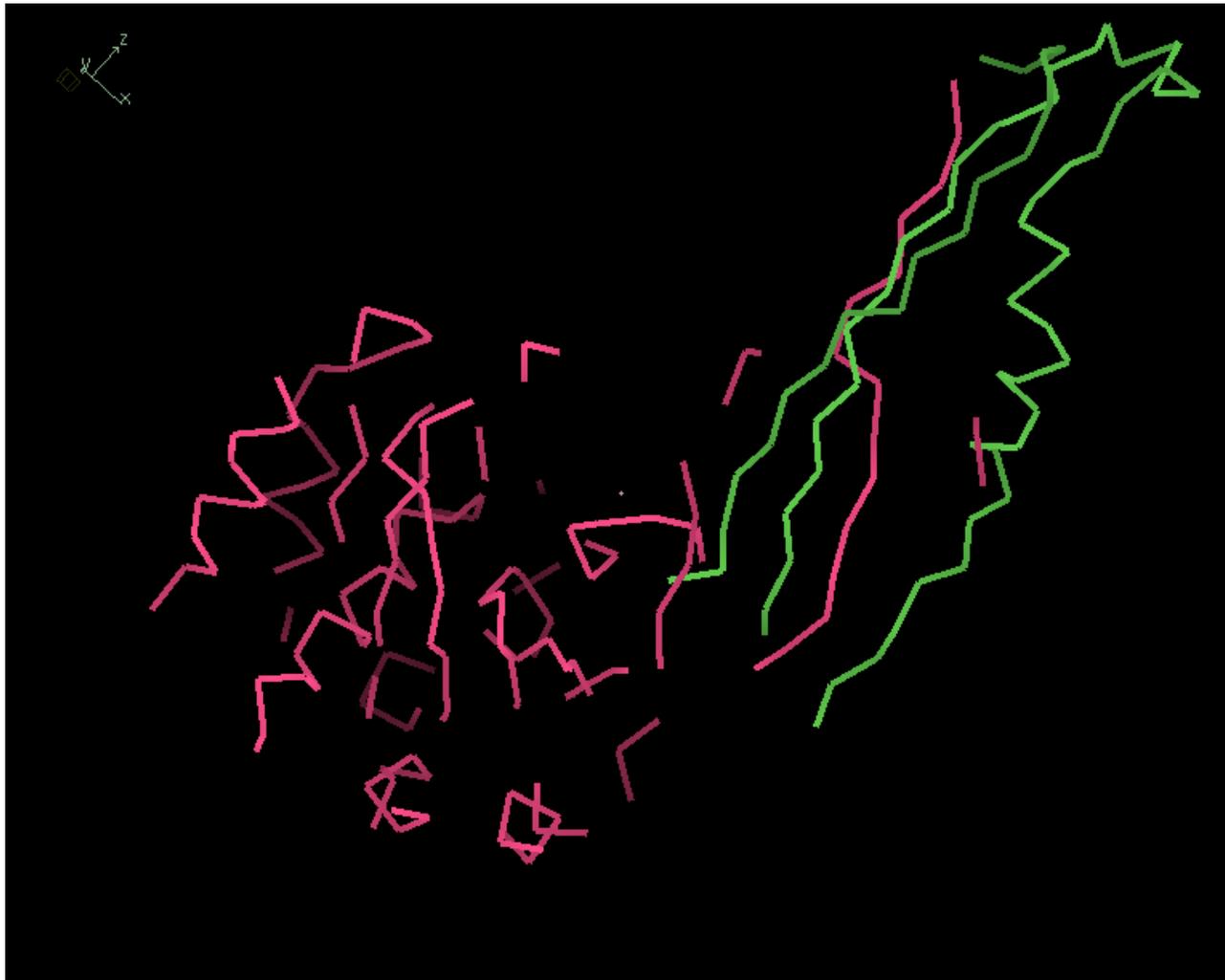
Probabilistic sequence assignment (*Resolve*)



LLG for each possible start of a segment



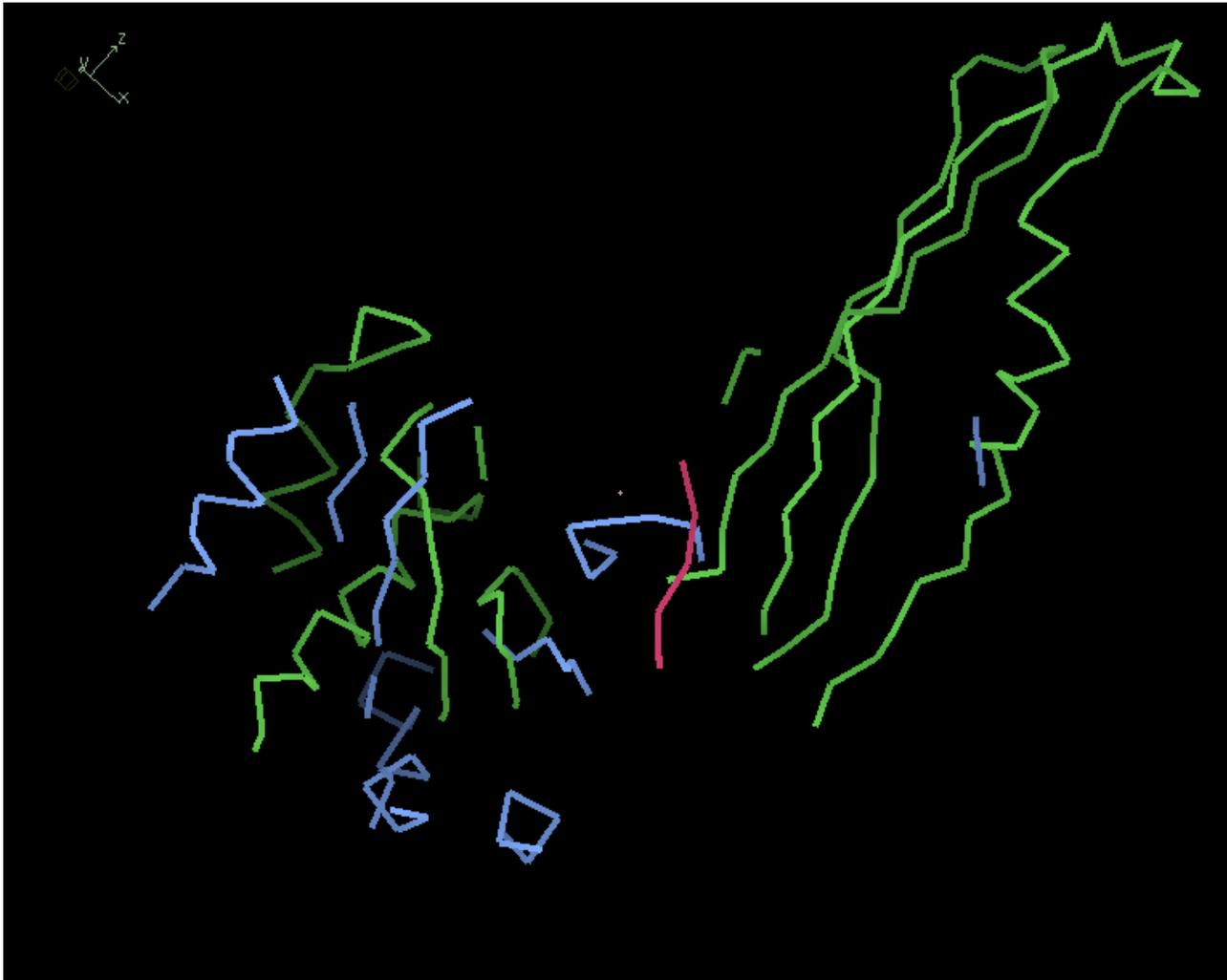
Sequence assignment using only fit of side-chains to density



*69 residues
assigned to
sequence*

206 not assigned

Sequence assignment not allowing overlap, and scoring for loops



*164 residues
assigned to
sequence*

84 not assigned

*6 incorrectly-
assigned*

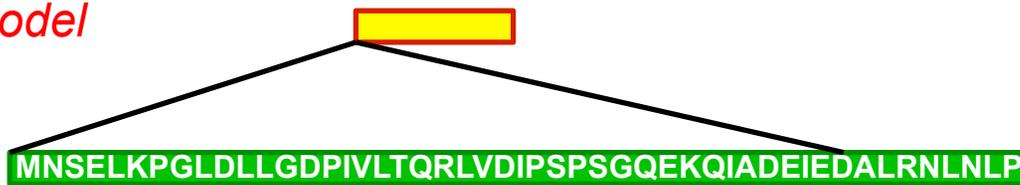
If we start with a homology model...

We know the order of the segments

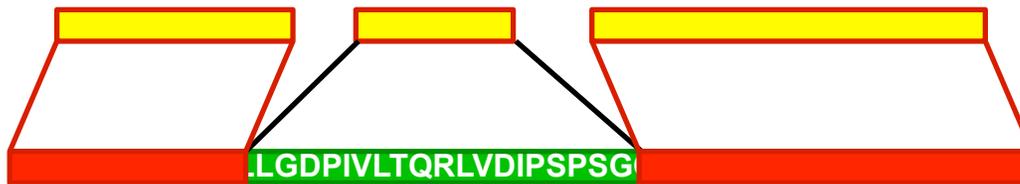
This vastly reduces the number of possible arrangements.

Segment of model

sequence

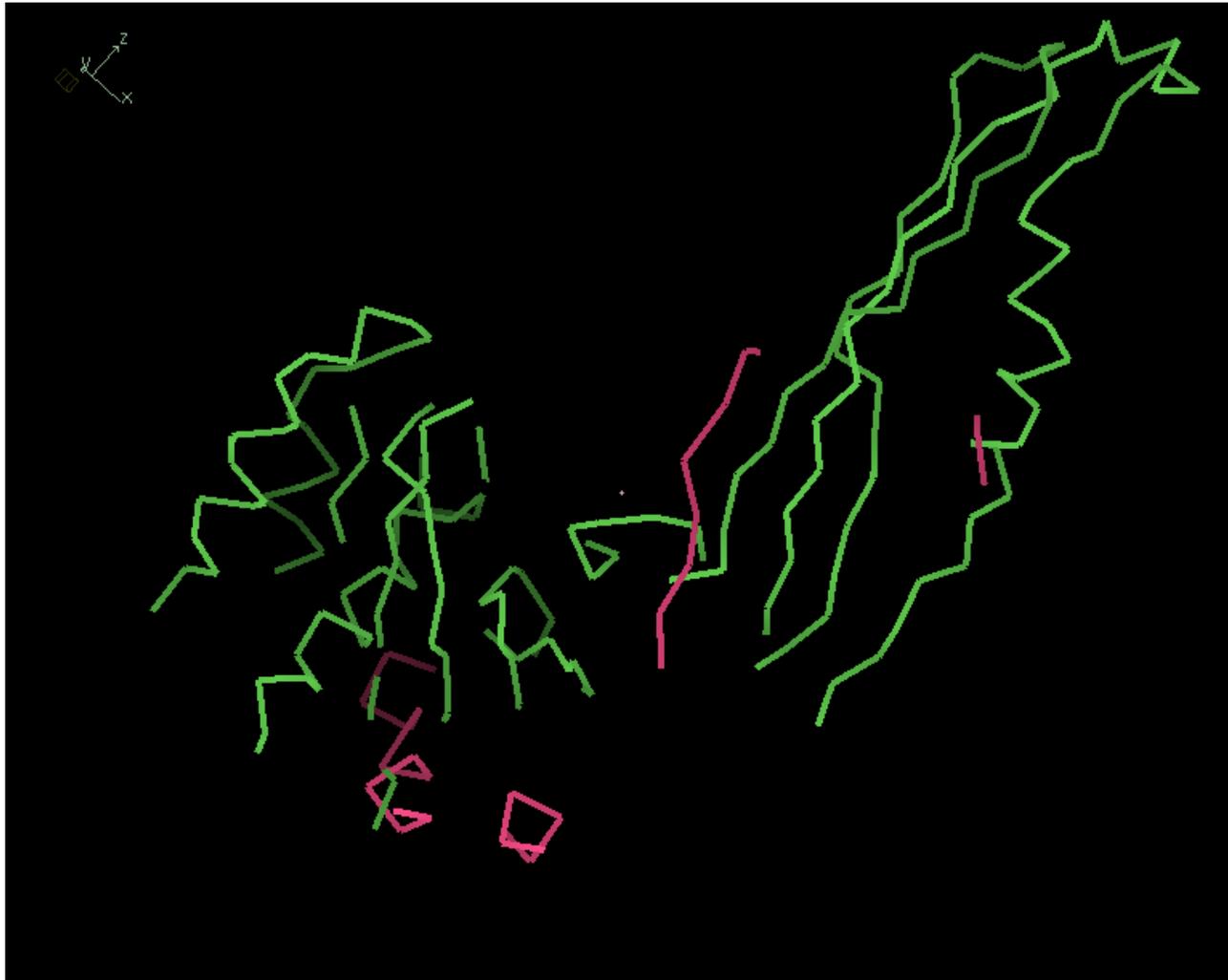


*Order not known...
Segment can
go anywhere*



*Order known...
Many locations
Excluded by
Other segments*

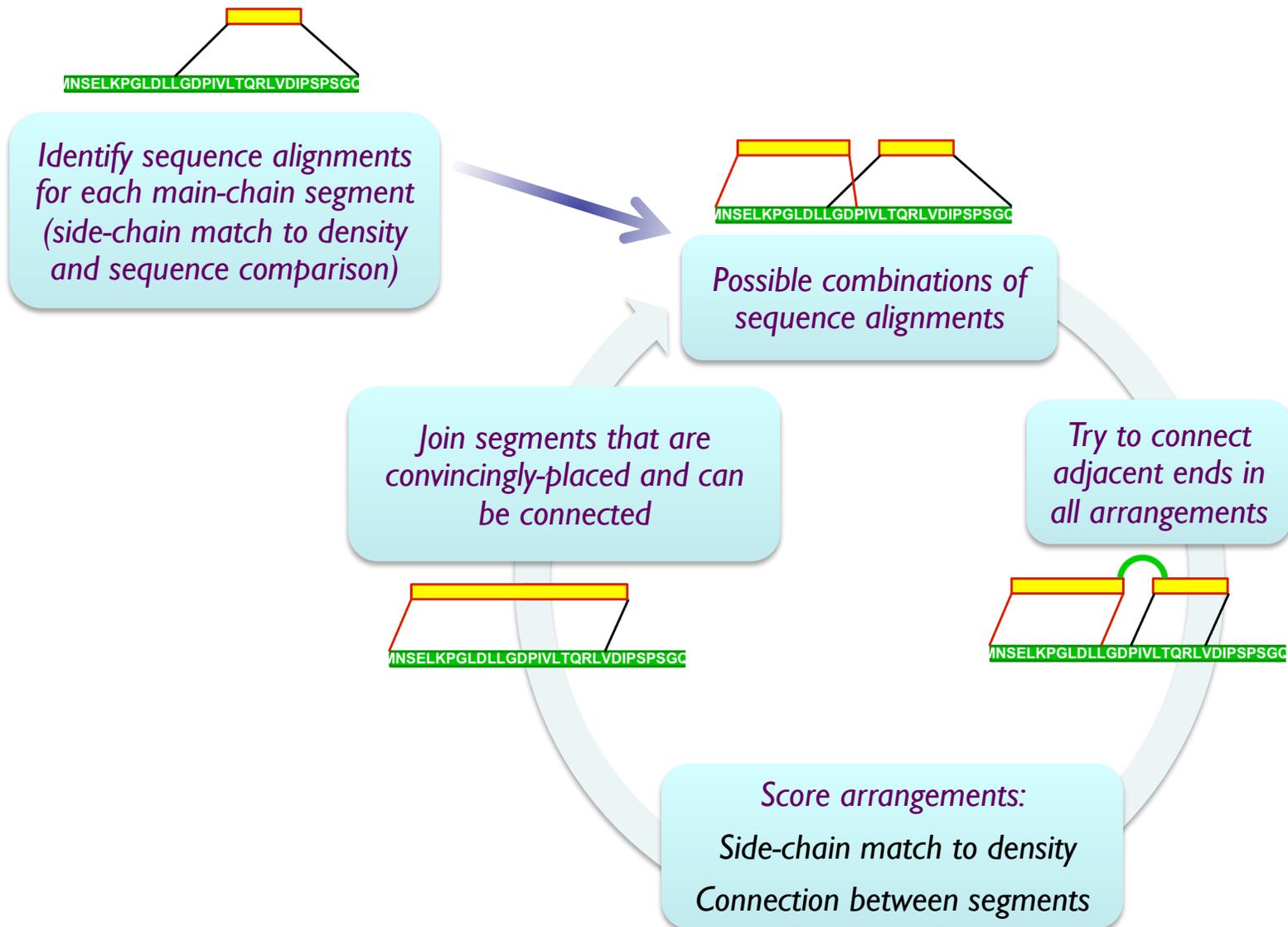
Including known order of segments



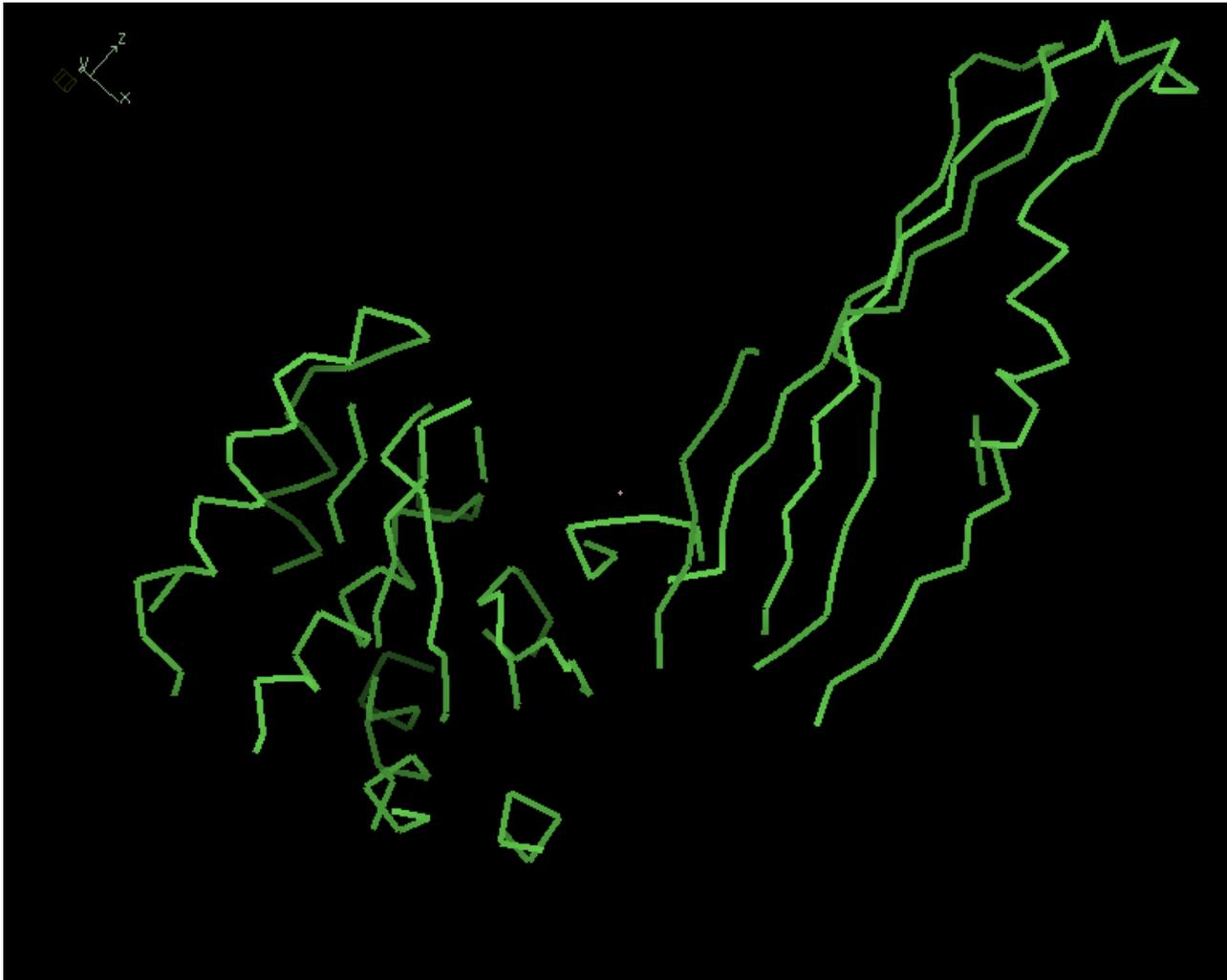
*207 residues
assigned to
sequence*

39 not assigned

Iterative sequence assignment



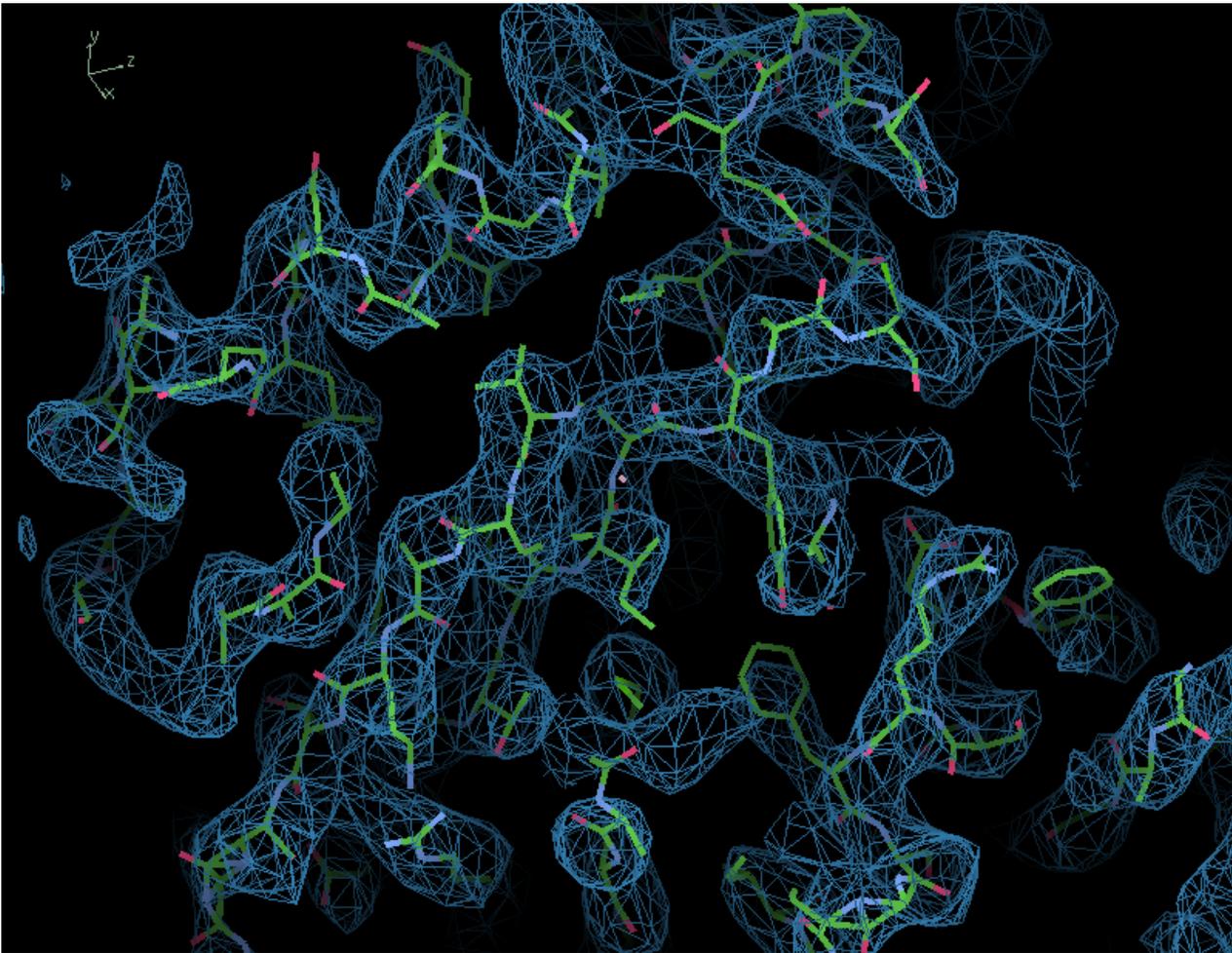
No overlap, loops, keep order of segments, iterate



*262 residues
assigned to
sequence*

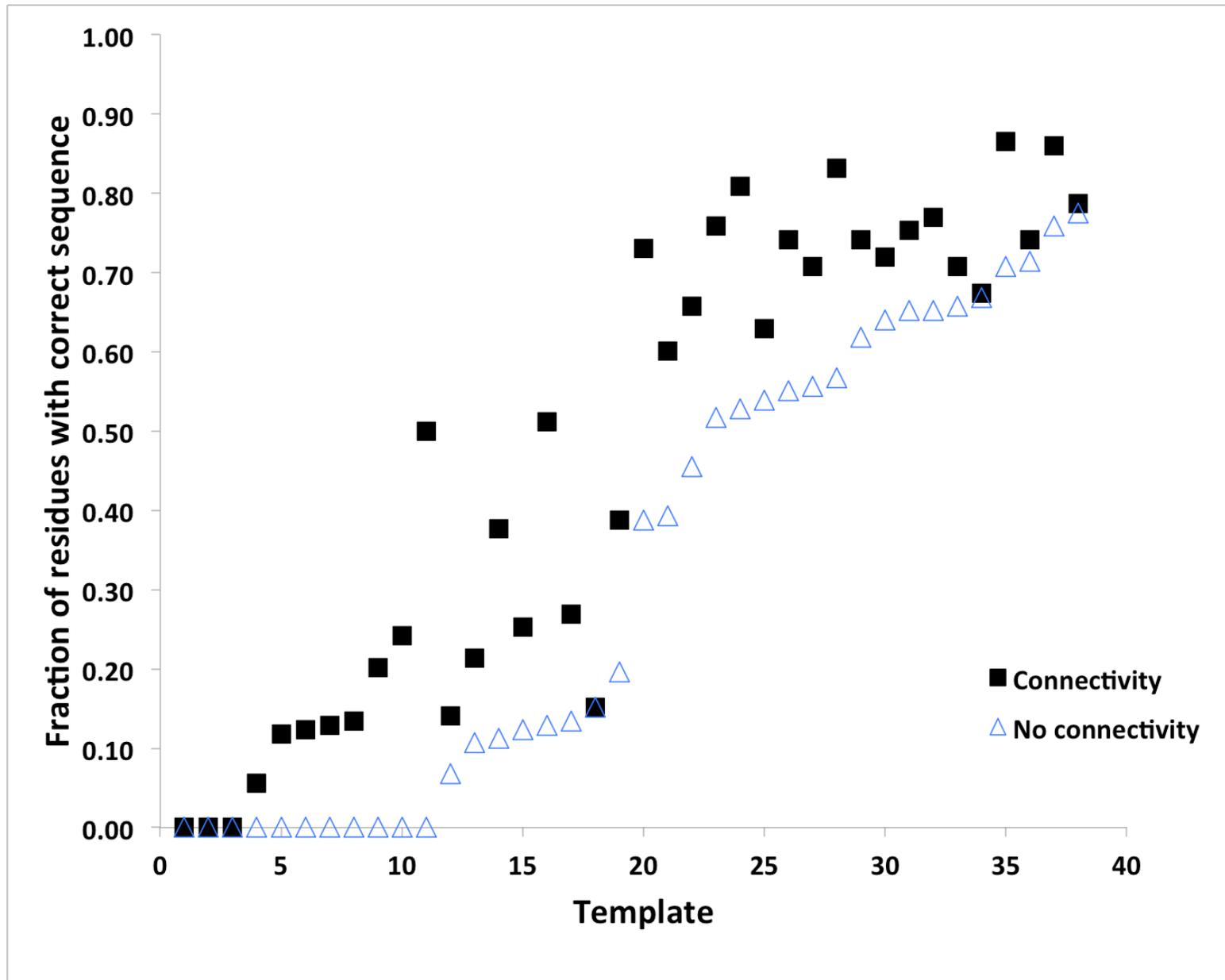
0 not assigned

Result...



*Fully correct
assignment of all
parts of starting
model to
sequence...*

Morphing, then sequence assignment on a series of templates (IA2B; template sequence identity 7%-33%)

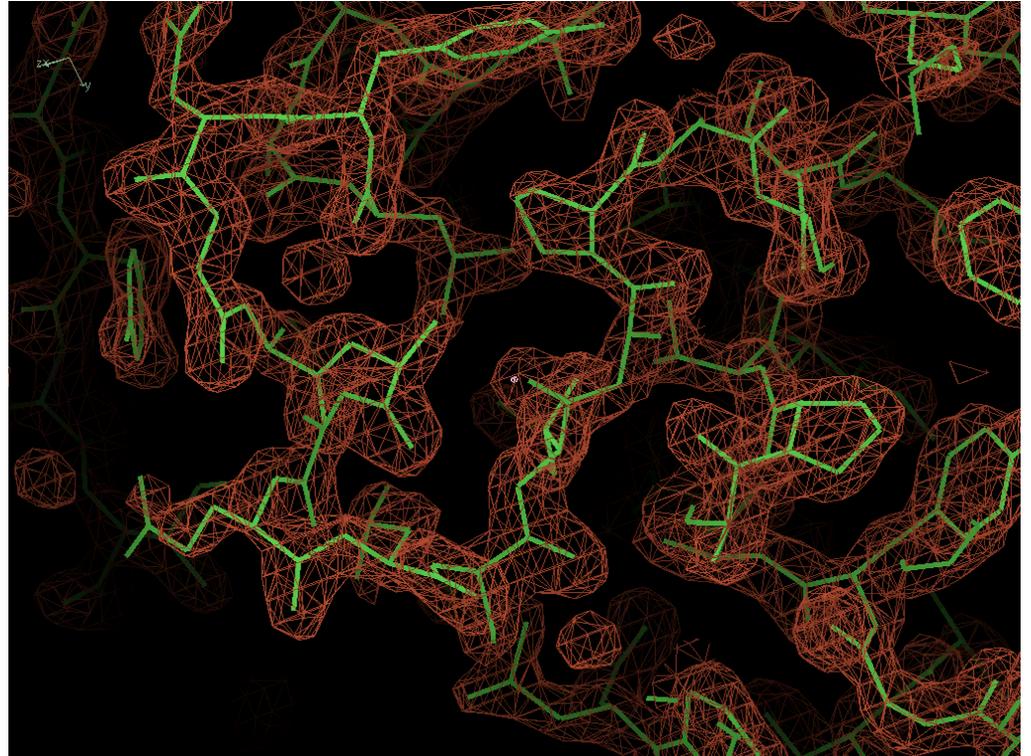


Applications for morphing

Molecular replacement templates that are close but distorted

Building models into experimental electron density maps when a distant related structure is available

Generalized mapping of one structure to another – can apply to coordinates or density



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